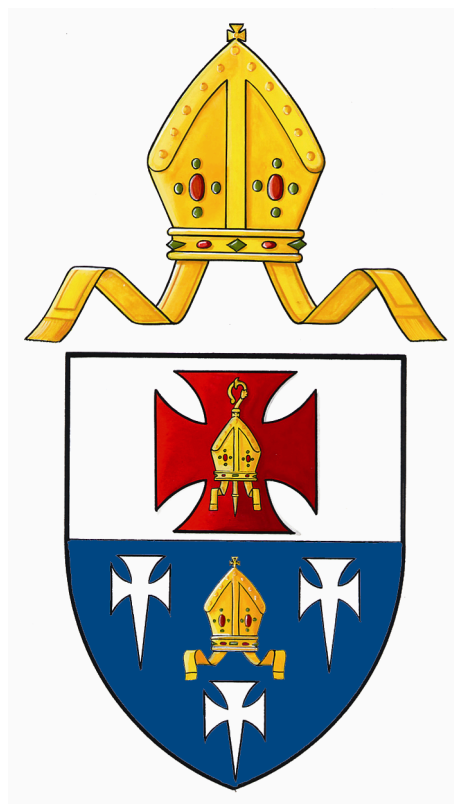


United Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross



The Ordination of Deacons

by

The Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross

Sunday, 22nd June 2025

at

3.30 p.m.

Welcome to Saint Fin Barre's Cathedral

Bishop

The Right Rev'd Paul Colton, B.C.L., DipTh., M. Phil., LL.M., Ph.D.

Dean

The Very Rev'd Nigel Dunne, B.Th., M.A., M. Phil.

Dean's Vicar

The Rev'd Martin Steele, B.D., M.Th.

Director of Music

Mr Peter Stobart

M.A. (Hons) (RAM), B.A. (Hons) (Dunelm.),
A.R.C.O., L.R.A.M., L.T.C.L., L.L.C.M., A.R.A.M., A.R.S.C.M.

Assistant Director of Music

Mr Matthew Breen

B.Mus. (Hons) (Dubl.)

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Please join in the words in **bold print** and in the singing of the hymns

Music in Today's Liturgy

Opening Prelude:	Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens - Fanfare in D
Service:	<i>Missa brevis in D</i> - W. A. Mozart
Litany:	Loosemore adapted by Stobart
Motet:	<i>Dixit Dominus</i> - Marc-Antoine Charpentier
Voluntary:	<i>Toccata from Symphony no. 5</i> - Charles-Marie Widor

Eucharistic Hospitality

It is the custom of the Church of Ireland to welcome communicant Christians of other denominations, who wish to do so, to join us in receiving Holy Communion. You are welcome!

Practical Information

Please ensure that all cellphones are switched off.

Large print copies of this order of service are available: please ask one of the churchwardens if required.

Live-Streaming and Photographs

In line with the first of the Five Marks of Mission ('To proclaim the good news of the kingdom') this service is being live-streamed and recorded via www.churchservices.tv and YouTube. The camera is at the back of the Cathedral and covers the Nave, Crossing, Choir Stalls and High Altar.

The camera does not cover the North and South Aisles, Dean's Chapel and Ambulatory. If you do not wish to appear on camera please consult the churchwardens/stewards and they will guide you to a seat out of shot.

An appointed photographer may also take photographs of the Service for use in general publicity to further the work of the Church. If you do not wish your photograph to be used please also arrange to sit in the North and South Aisles, Dean's Chapel and Ambulatory (again, the churchwardens/stewards will guide you. Please also give your name and contact details to the churchwardens/stewards before leaving the Cathedral today.

The Candidate Deacons

Captain Alan J. Howe

Alan Howe lives near Kilbrittain. He is the second son of the late James and Violet Howe. He has four siblings; two brothers live locally and the third lives in Dublin. His sister Jane is married to Canon Patrick Harvey who is Rector of Abbeyleix and Killermogh Union of Parishes. Alan is married to Olivia (nee Travers) and they have three children – Amy and Adam are in London. Rosie and her husband Ian live near Ballylickey.

Alan is a parishioner of Bandon Union of Parishes but has close family links to both Holy Trinity, Templetrine and the Church of the Ascension in Timoleague. He went to the National School in Timoleague. He attended Bandon Grammar School and Newtown School, Waterford. He was confirmed in Waterford Cathedral by Bishop John Armstrong in 1970.

After leaving school in 1973 Alan was accepted for training as a Cadet within the Shell fleet. It was a career that was to span twenty-four years during which he attained a Certificate of Competency as Master Mariner. His first command in the fleet was in 1992. He joined Ostensjo Rederi AS in 1998, a company which provided marine services within the Port of Cork. He joined Fendercare Marine in 2002 as Berthing Master. Alan's final career change occurred in 2007 when he joined Chevron Shipping as a Mooring Master. He worked in Nigeria and Angola and achieved the position of Senior Mooring Master before returning to the San Francisco office as Marine Superintendent, Terminal Advisor and Auditor. He retired in 2021 having completed forty-seven years of marine service.

Alan was licensed as a Diocesan Lay Reader by Bishop Robert Warke in 1998 and was recommended by the present Bishop for training for Ordained Local Ministry in 2023.

Jean Taylor

Jean Taylor was born in the UK and has had a varied career, working in the Civil Service as a Judges' Clerk in the County Court and then as an Editorial Assistant at the Sunday Telegraph in Fleet Street and subsequently in Canary Wharf.

In 2004 Jean moved to Cobh and worked for Charles Daly, Solicitor. Then, from 2007 she worked at Fota Wildlife Park. During this time she qualified as a zookeeper and worked on the animal care team. She spent the last years before her retirement overseeing the Tropical house where she was responsible for the care of reptiles, fish and the sloths. One of the highlights of her career was hand rearing two cheetah cubs rejected by their mother.

Jean has been a parishioner at Christ Church, Rushbrook, Cobh since 2019 and became a Church Warden in 2022. She also worships at St Fin Barre's Cathedral.

Feeling a call to Ordination she spent time in discernment and reflection and, having been encouraged by her Rector, she was accepted for training to the Ordained Local Ministry. Jean embarked on the training course at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute in 2023. Jean is now spending her second year placement in her home parish of Cobh and Glanmire and with the support of the present Rector, the Reverend Elise Hanley, assists with services at Christ Church, Rushbrooke and St Lappan's, Little Island.

All clergy, on being ordained, instituted or licensed, are required by the Constitution of the Church of Ireland to subscribe the Declaration as follows:

The Roll of +Paul, by Divine Permission, Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross:

DECLARATION FOR SUBSCRIPTION

I, *A.B.*, do hereby solemnly declare that –

(1) I approve and agree to the Declaration prefixed to the statutes of the Church of Ireland, passed at the General Convention in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

(2) I assent to the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, and to the Book of Common Prayer, and of the Ordering of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons. I believe the doctrine of the Church of Ireland, as therein set forth, to be agreeable to the Word of God; and in public prayer and administration of the sacraments I will use the form in the said Book prescribed, and none other, except so far as shall be allowed by the lawful authority of the Church.

(3) I have not made, by myself or by any other person on my behalf, any payment, contract, or promise of any kind whatsoever (save that I will faithfully perform my duty) touching or concerning the obtaining of [the sacred order of priest/deacon; or the chaplaincy of ... or the curacy of ... or the office of vicar within the benefice of ... or the benefice of... *each to be specially stated by each Declarant*]; nor will I at any time hereafter perform or satisfy, in whole or in part, any such payment, contract, or promise made by any other person with or without my knowledge or consent.

(4) I declare that I do not hold office as an incumbent, rector, vicar, or licensed curate, elsewhere than in Ireland, and that I do not hold any other ecclesiastical office which I have not made known to the Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross.

(5) I will render all due reverence and canonical obedience to + Paul, Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross and successive Bishops of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, in all lawful and honest commands.

(6) I promise to submit myself to the authority of the Church of Ireland, and to the laws and tribunals thereof.

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Remain seated while the Service begins with the

Organ Prelude

Fanfare in D ~ Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens (1832 -1881)

During the organ prelude the candidate deacons enter with those who will present them for ordination. They are seated among the congregation.

Then, please stand when the Bishop and other ministers enter and sing the

Hymn of the Procession 484

*Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name!*

Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God:

Each new-born soldier of the crucified
is signed with the cross, the seal of him who died

This is the sign that Satan's armies fear
and angels veil their faces to revere:

Saved by the cross on which their Lord was slain,
see Adam's children their lost home regain:

From north and south, from east and west they raise
in growing unison their songs of praise:

Let every race and every language tell
of him who saves our souls from death and hell!

Lord Christ, once lifted high on Calvary's tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee:

Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing peace:

Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956) altd.

Based on *George William Kinchin* (1827-1912)

v.7 based on John 12.32

The Bishop says

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The Bishop welcomes the congregation and then says

We are the body of Christ.
By the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
One God and Father of all.

The congregation may be seated.

Sisters and brothers, the Church is the Body of Christ, the people of God and the dwelling-place of the Holy Spirit. All who are united with Christ through baptism are called to serve him in the Church and in the world.

Within this ministry entrusted by Christ to his Church, deacons are called to assist the bishop and priests and, through loving service, to make Christ known by word and example.

We have come together today to ordain Alan and Jean to the order of deacon whom we believe God has called to this ministry.

We will pray for *them* and lay hands upon *them*, invoking the Holy Spirit that Alan and Jean may work faithfully among God's people.

We will clothe *them* with the vesture of a deacon and present *them* with the outward sign of the ministry which will be entrusted to *them*.

Each candidate is presented to the Bishop by a lay and an ordained sponsor, who, standing and speaking from their seats, say (as appropriate to the occasion):

Bandon: Bishop, we present Alan to be ordained deacon

*Cobb
and Glanmire:* Bishop, we present Jean to be ordained deacon.

After each candidate has been presented the Bishop asks

Archdeacon, are those responsible for Alan's and Jean's selection and training satisfied that they are called and ready to be ordained deacon in the Church of God?

Archdeacon: They are satisfied.

The Bishop says to each candidate

N, do you believe in your heart that God has called you to the office and work of a deacon in his Church?

Candidate: I believe that God has called me.

The Collect

The Bishop

Let us pray for those being ordained this day
and for the ministry of the whole people of God.

Silence

God our Father, Lord of all the world,
we thank you that 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
they may be instruments of your love,
and give to your servants Alan and Jean now to be ordained
the needful gifts of grace;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

Sit for

The First Reading

Isaiah 6.1-8

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

‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.’

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

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: ‘Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.’ Then I heard the voice of the Lord

saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Remain seated while the choir sings

Psalm 119.33-38

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes
and I shall keep it to the end.

Give me understanding and I shall keep your law;
I shall keep it with my whole heart.

Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for therein is my delight.

Incline my heart to your testimonies
and not to unjust gain.

Turn away my eyes lest they gaze on vanities;
O give me life in your ways.

Confirm to your servant your promise,
which stands for all who fear you.

Turn away the reproach which I dread,
because your judgements are good.

Behold, I long for your commandments;
in your righteousness give me life.

Remain seated for

The Second Reading

Romans 12.1-12

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Hymn of the Gradual 581

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord,
if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them,
my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Daniel Schutte based on Isaiah 6.8 and 1 Samuel 3

The Gospel Reading

Mark 10.35-45

The Gospel reading is introduced with the following words:

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to Saint Mark, chapter ten beginning at verse thirty-five.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, ‘Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.’ And he said to them, ‘What is it you want me to do for you?’ And they said to him, ‘Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.’ But Jesus said to them, ‘You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?’ They replied, ‘We are able.’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.’

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, ‘You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.’

And concludes with

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sit for

The Sermon

The Reverend Canon Elaine Murray,
Incumbent of Carrigaline Union of Parishes
Prebendary of Desertmore and Killanully
in the Cathedral Church of St Fin Barre, Cork
Prebendary of Timoleague
in the Cathedral Church of St Fachtna, Rosscarbery
(Canon Murray was ordained to the diaconate 20 years ago this year).

Stand to say

The Nicene Creed

Mindful of our baptism we proclaim the faith of the universal church:

**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 by the Holy Spirit of 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.**

The Ordination

The Declarations

*The candidates stand before the Bishop, and the people may be seated.
The Bishop says*

Deacons in the Church of God serve in the name of Christ, and so remind the whole Church that serving others is at the heart of all ministry.

Deacons have a special responsibility to ensure that those in need are cared for with compassion and humility. They are to strengthen the faithful, search out the careless and the indifferent, and minister to the sick, the needy, the poor and those in trouble.

When called upon to do so, they may baptize, preach and give instruction in the faith.

Deacons assist the Bishop and priest under whom they serve. When the people are gathered for worship, deacons are authorised to read the Gospel, lead the people in intercession, and distribute the bread and wine of Holy Communion.

The Bishop asks the candidates for ordination:

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

Answer: I do.

Do you believe and accept the doctrine of the Christian faith as the Church of Ireland has received it?

Answer: I do.

In your ministry will you expound the Scriptures and teach that doctrine?

Answer: By the help of God, I will.

Will you accept the discipline of this Church and give due respect to those set over you in the Lord?

Answer: By the help of God, I will.

Will you be diligent in prayer, in reading holy Scripture, and in all studies that will deepen your faith and fit you to uphold the truth of the Gospel?

Answer: By the help of God, I will.

Will you strive to fashion your own life and your family relationships according to the way of Christ?

Answer: By the help of God, I will.

Will you be faithful in visiting the sick, in caring for the poor and needy, and in helping the oppressed?

Answer: By the help of God, I will.

Will you promote unity, peace, and love among all Christian people, and especially among those whom you serve?

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, to make Christ known to all people?

Answer: By the help of God, I will.

The Bishop presents the candidates to the people, and says:

You have heard the testimony of those who present *these candidates* for ordination, and also *their* own declarations made before you. Those whose duty it is to inquire about *this person* and examine *them* have also

found *them* to be of godly life and sound learning, and believe *them* to be duly called to serve God in this ministry.

If any of you knows sufficient cause why these persons should not be ordained deacon, come forward and make it known.

The Bishop then asks in respect of each candidate separately

Is it therefore your will that *N* should be ordained?

All: It is.

Will you uphold *him/her* in *his/her* ministry?

All: We will.

THE PRAYERS

The Bishop

Because none of us can bear the weight of this ministry in our own strength, but only by the grace and power of God, let us pray earnestly for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on *these persons*.

Let us pray also that God will each day enlarge and enlighten *their* understanding of the Scriptures, so that they may grow stronger and more mature in *their* ministry, as *they* fashion *their lives* and the lives of the people *they* serve on the word of God.

Prayers follow for the candidates and for the ministry of the whole Church in the words of the Litany. All kneel as the choir sings the Litany.

God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, giver of life,
have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity,
three Persons in one God,
have mercy on us.

Save us, good Lord:
from all sin and wickedness,
from pride, hypocrisy and conceit,
from envy, hatred and malice, and all uncharitableness,
save us, good Lord.

From sins of thought, word and deed,
from the lusts of the flesh,
from the deceits of the world and the snares of the devil,
save us, good Lord.

From fire, storm and flood,
from disease, pestilence and want,
from war and murder, and from dying unprepared,
save us, good Lord.

From all false doctrine, from hardness of heart,
and from contempt of your word and commandment,
save us, good Lord.

In times of sorrow and in times of joy,
in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,
save us, good Lord.

Save us, Lord Christ:
by the mystery of your holy incarnation,
by your birth, childhood and obedience,
by your baptism, fasting and temptation,
save us, Lord Christ.

By your ministry in word and work,
by your mighty acts of power,
by your preaching of the kingdom,
save us, Lord Christ.

By your agony and trial,
by your cross and passion,
and by your precious death and burial,
save us, Lord Christ.

By your mighty resurrection,
by your glorious ascension,
and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,
save us, Lord Christ.

Hear us, good Lord:
govern and direct your holy Church,
fill it with love and truth,
and grant it that unity which is your will,
hear us, good Lord.

Give your Church courage to preach the gospel
and to make disciples of all the nations,
hear us, good Lord.

Give knowledge and understanding
to bishops, priests and deacons,
that by their life and teaching they may proclaim your word,
hear us, good Lord.

Bless your servants now to be made deacon
that *they* may faithfully serve your Church
and reveal your glory in the world,
hear us, good Lord.

Give all people grace to receive your word
and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit,
hear us, good Lord.

Bring all who have erred and are deceived
into the way of truth,
hear us, good Lord.

Saviour of the world,
forgive our sins, known and unknown,
things done, and left undone;
grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit
that we may amend our lives according to your holy word,
and share with all your people the joys of your eternal kingdom.

Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, Redeemer of the world,
give us your peace.

The Bishop

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

Silence is kept.

The Ordination Prayer with the Laying on of Hands

All stand.

The candidates kneel.

The Bishop stretches out his hands towards the candidates, and says:

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 creation, and the head of the Church.
Glory to you, Lord.

We praise and glorify you, most merciful Father,
because in your great love for all people,
you sent your only Son Jesus Christ
to take the form of a servant.
Glory to you, Lord.

He came to serve and not to be served,
and taught us that those who would be great among us
must be the servants of all.
Glory to you, Lord.

He humbled himself for our sake,
and in obedience accepted death, even death on a cross;
therefore you highly exalted him
and gave him the name which is above every name.
Glory to you, Lord.

We praise and glorify you that by his death he has overcome
death, and having ascended into heaven,
he has poured out his gifts abundantly,

to equip your people for the work of ministry and the building up of his body.

Glory to you, Lord.

And now we give you thanks that you have called
Alan and Jean
whom we ordain in your name,
to share the work of ministry entrusted to your Church.

Glory to you, Lord.

Therefore, Father, through Christ our Lord,

Here the Bishop lays hands on the head of each candidate and says

pour out your Holy Spirit upon *N*
for the office and work of a deacon in your Church.

The Bishop having laid hands on all of them, continues

Fill *them* with grace and power that *they* may fulfil *their* ministry.

Pour out your Spirit, Lord.

Make *them* faithful to serve,
ready to teach,
constant in advancing your Gospel,
proclaiming by word and action the word of salvation
with full assurance of faith,
abounding in hope
and rooted and grounded in love.

Pour out your Spirit, Lord.

Grant *them* wisdom and discipline to work faithfully
with *their* fellow-servants in Christ,
continuing strong and steadfast in your Son Jesus Christ our
Lord.

Pour out your Spirit, Lord.

Accept our prayers, most merciful Father,
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. **Amen.**

The newly ordained deacons stand and are vested in a stole as worn by a deacon.

Having done so each deacon is given a bible and the Bishop says

Receive this Book,
as a sign of the authority which God has given you this day
to proclaim his word to his people.
Make it known in your words and in your deeds.

The Welcome

A priest says

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

All: **We welcome you as a fellow servant in the gospel:
may Christ dwell in your heart through faith,
that you may be rooted and grounded in love.**

The new deacons stand with the Bishop who addresses the congregation

Brothers and sisters in Christ, I present to you Alan and Jean who
have been ordained deacons in the Church of God.

Organ Fanfare

The Peace

The Bishop introduces the Peace with these words:

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

Ephesians 2: 19,17

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

A deacon says:

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn at the Offertory 517

*A collection is taken on behalf of the Bishop's Continuing Ministerial Education
Fund for training ordinands and in-service training of clergy, readers
and lay church workers.*

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
'til we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Won't you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

Richard Gillard (b.1935)

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

The Bishop says

Wise and gracious God, you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life, and the bread of heaven.
Amen.

The Taking of the Bread and Wine

The Bishop takes the bread and wine

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

Father, almighty and everliving God,
at all times and in all places
it is right to give you thanks and praise:

Your Son Jesus Christ took the form of a servant,
and by his example taught us to be servants of all:

And so with all your people,
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 and Benedictus qui venit

Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us:
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, 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 when he had given thanks to you,

he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you,
for 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.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:
we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension,
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Bishop says

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

Our Father, who art in heaven:
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread in preparation for the Communion.

**The bread which we break
is a sharing in the body of Christ.
We being many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

The choir sings

Agnus Dei

The Communion

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

*Please come forward for Holy Communion as invited by the churchwardens or
sidespersons.*

Communion Motet

Dixit Dominus ~ Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1643 - 1704)

The Great Silence

Going out as God's People

Post-Communion Hymn 478

(Tune: Woodlands)

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

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

Go forth and tell! Where still the darkness lies
in wealth or want, the sinner surely dies:
give us, O Lord, concern of heart and mind,
a love like yours which cares for all mankind.

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

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

James E. Seddon (1915-1983)

The Bishop says

Almighty God,
you have chosen and ordained *these your servants*
to be *deacons* in your church,
and given *them* the will to undertake this task:
Give *them* also the strength to perform it,
that *they* may complete the work which you have begun in *them*;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Blessing

The Bishop says

Almighty God, stir up in you the gifts of his grace, sustain each one
of you in your ministry; and the blessing of God almighty, the
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with
you always.
Amen.

The Dismissal

A deacon says

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

Organ Voluntary

Toccata from Symphony no. 5 ~ Charles-Marie Widor (1844 - 1937)

The newly-ordained depart, each carrying their bible.

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