



The Cathedral & Metropolitan Church of St Peter in York

**The Ordination
and
Consecration
of**

The Venerable Rick Simpson
Archdeacon of Auckland
to be Bishop of Durham

The Reverend Canon Dr Michael Leyden
*Dean, Emmanuel Theological College
and Associate Minister, St Peter's, Chester*
to be Bishop of Penrith

The Very Reverend Simon Robinson
Dean of Truro and Rector, St Mary's, Truro
to be Bishop of Warrington

**Thursday 30th April 2026
at 11.00am**

Pandita Mary Ramabai, Translator of the Scriptures

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 their ordinations, 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. Rick, Michael, and Simon will be anointed with Chrism, signifying their roles of leadership within the royal priesthood of Christ's people; they will each receive a copy of the Holy Scriptures, to remind them both 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 Venerable Rick Simpson

Rick has served in the Diocese of Durham since 2006 when he came to be Priest in Charge of St Brandon's, Brancepeth, helping the church to thrive and develop its mission, and the Initial Ministerial Education (IME, Phase 2) Officer for both Newcastle and Durham, supporting curates and training incumbents. He became Archdeacon of Auckland in February 2018. He was a member of the Wilkinson-Jay Response Group, advising on the development of Church of England safeguarding. He served previously in the Diocese of Newcastle where, as Vicar of Holy Trinity Jesmond, he saw the church grow strongly in number and discipleship over ten years. Rick enjoys the outdoors, especially wildlife photography, playing guitar, sport, films and novels. He is married to Rachel, and they have ten Godchildren and one cat.

The Reverend Canon Dr Michael Leyden

After ordination, Michael served his curacy in the parish of Rainhill St Ann's in the Diocese of Liverpool and then as vicar in the Benefice of Weston with Shavington in the Diocese of Chester. In both parishes he worked with lay leaders to develop a mixed ecology of church; time-honoured church working alongside new and pioneering forms. He has ministered in underprivileged, urban, sub-urban, and semi-rural contexts in various traditions. He has also been a local board member of the Triangle of Hope – a project through which three global Anglican dioceses with shared links to the historical slave trade look to transform the long history of slavery and the ongoing effects of present-day slavery through repentance, education, reconciliation and mission. Michael has been the founding Dean of Emmanuel Theological College since 2020, having previously been Director of St Mellitus College Northwest. Michael is married to Anna, a vicar in the Diocese of Chester, and they have two children.

The Very Reverend Simon Robinson

Ordained in 2012, Simon has served as Dean of Truro since January 2024, having previously undertaken the role as Interim Dean in October 2022. Prior to moving to Truro, Simon was the Vicar of Minehead, a place that he holds dear in his heart having served his curacy in three small village churches near Bath. Before ordination, Simon spent 24 years building an extensive career in education. He served as a headteacher in London before leading the amalgamation of three schools into a single, all-year-round provision in Bristol. Simon has a life long commitment to inclusion both in school and in the church, working with many children who has special needs or were excluded from other schools. Simon is supported in life by his small and close 'family' which includes his mum, Joyce, his best friend Jon with whom he shares a home and a life in Cornwall and his almost lifelong friend Karen, whose now grown-up children Lucy and Rory he helped care for over many years. One of Simon's great priest mentors was the Reverend Donald Reeves from whom Simon has taken great inspiration.

Information about this Service

Welcome to this service of Ordination & Consecration. We welcome those live-streaming from home, who share this service with those present in the Minster.

The setting of the Eucharist is the MISSA BREVIS IN B FLAT by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–1791).

The choir, which includes the Vicars Choral and Choral Scholars of York Minster, together with visiting sopranos, is directed by Robert Sharpe, Director of Music.

The organ is played by Benjamin Morris, Assistant Director of Music and Adam Wilson, Assistant Organist.

The worship band is made up of local musicians from churches in York and Carlisle.

The Preacher is the Reverend Prebendary Dr Isabelle Hamley, Principal, Ridley Hall, Cambridge.



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Order of Service

At 10.45 am, the Bishops-Designate take the Oath of Allegiance in the Lady Chapel.

The Oath of Allegiance

The ordinands say:

I, Richard Lee Simpson, Clerk in Holy Orders, chosen Bishop of the Church and See of Durham, 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, Michael John Leyden, Clerk in Holy Orders, chosen Bishop of the Church and See of Penrith, 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, Simon Joseph Robinson, Clerk in Holy Orders, chosen Bishop of the Church and See of Warrington, 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 10.50 am, the Canon for Congregational Discipleship and Nurture welcomes the Congregation.

At 10.55 am, remain standing for a Procession of Clergy and Licensed Lay Ministers.

At 11.00 am, prayers are sung.

The Order of Procession

Cross and Acolytes
The Choir

The First Procession

A Verger
The Ordinands
Ecumenical Guests
Assisting Ministers
A Verger
The Chapter of Truro
The Chapter of Chester
A Verger
The Chapter of Liverpool
A Verger
The Chapter of Carlisle
A Verger
The Chapter of Durham

The Second Procession

A Verger
Bishops in their order

The Third Procession

A Verger
The Preacher
The Succentor
The College of Canons of York
The Chapter of York

The Archbishop's Procession

The Provincial Canons
The Synodal Secretary
The Prolocutor The Deputy Prolocutor
Legal Officers
The Sub-Deacon
The Deacon
The Archbishop's Chaplain with Primatial Cross
The Bishop of Sodor and Man The Archbishop of York The Bishop of Sheffield

The Gathering and Presentation

Stand for the Processional Hymn.

Processional Hymn



1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
come ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
hast thou not seen all that is needful hath been
granted in what he ordaineth?
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew all the Almighty can do,
he who with love doth befriend thee.
4. Praise to the Lord, who, when tempests their warfare are waging,
who, when the elements madly around thee are raging,
biddeth them cease, turneth their fury to peace,
whirlwinds and waters assuaging.
5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
all that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
let the Amen sound from his people again:
gladly for ay we adore him.

Words NEH 440, Joachim Neander (1650–1680)
translated into English by Catherine Winckworth (1827–1878) and others
Tune LOBE DEN HERREN, NEH 440, from *Praxis Pietatis Melica* (1668)

Remain standing.

The Greeting

The Archbishop greets the people.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

There is one body and one spirit.

There is one hope to which we were called;

One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

one God and Father of all.

Peace be with you

and also with you.

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.

Remain standing.

Prayers of Penitence

A Deacon says:

My brothers and sisters,
as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ
in word and sacrament,
let us call to mind and confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour,
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry,
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 grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The President says:

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sit.

The Presentation

The Bishops of Carlisle, Chester, Ely, Liverpool, Truro & Bishop Frank White say:

Archbishop Stephen,

Rick has been chosen to be Bishop of Durham,

Michael has been chosen to be Bishop Suffragan of Penrith,

Simon has been chosen to be Bishop Suffragan of Warrington,

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 Mandates.

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, Richard Lee Simpson, Clerk in Holy Orders, about to be admitted and consecrated to the Bishopric and See of Durham in the Province of York,

I, Michael John Leyden, Clerk in Holy Orders, about to be admitted and consecrated to the Bishopric and See of Penrith in the Province of York,

I, Simon Joseph Robinson, Clerk in Holy Orders, about to be admitted and consecrated to the Bishopric and See of Warrington 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 ordinand says:

I, Richard Lee Simpson, Clerk in Holy Orders, chosen Bishop of the Church and See of Durham,

I, Michael John Leyden, Clerk in Holy Orders, chosen Bishop of the Church and See of Penrith,

I, Simon Joseph Robinson, Clerk in Holy Orders, chosen Bishop of the Church and See of Warrington,

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.

Stand.

Gloria in Excelsis

The choir sings:

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax
hominibus bonae voluntatis.

Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te,
glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter
magnam gloriam tuam.

Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus
Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite,
Jesu Christe: Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis, qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes
ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe,
cum Sancto Spiritu,
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his
people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father, we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father: receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the
Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The Collect

The Archbishop says:

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

God our Father,
who gave wisdom and insight to your servant Mary Ramabai.
to fathom the depths of your love
and to understand your design for the world you have made:
grant us the help of your Holy Spirit
that we also may come to a full knowledge of your purposes
revealed in your Son Jesus Christ, our Wisdom and our Life;
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

read by Dr Rachel Lunney

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

ISAIAH 61.1–3

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand.

Gradual Hymn



1. Restore, O Lord, the honour of your name!
In works of sovereign power
come shake the earth again,
that all may see, and come with reverent fear
to the living God,
whose kingdom shall outlast the years.
2. Restore, O Lord, in all the earth your fame,
and in our time revive
the church that bears your name,
and in your anger, Lord, remember mercy,
O living God,
whose mercy shall outlast the years.
3. Bend us, O Lord, where we are hard and cold,
in your refiner's fire;
come purify the gold:
though suffering comes, and evil crouches near,
still our living God
is reigning, he is reigning here.
4. Restore, O Lord, the honour of your name!
In works of sovereign power
come shake the earth again,
that all may see, and come with reverent fear
to the living God,
whose kingdom shall outlast the years.

Words and Music AM 502, Graham Kendrick (*b* 1950) and Chris Rolinson (*b* 1958)
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Sit.

New Testament Reading

read by Pete Butland, Operations Manager, Emmanuel Theological College

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

In Christ Jesus, I have reason to boast of my work for God. For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to win obedience from the Gentiles, by word and deed, by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and as far around as Illyricum I have fully proclaimed the good news of Christ. Thus I make it my ambition to proclaim the good news, not where Christ has already been named, so that I do not build on someone else's foundation, but as it is written,

'Those who have never been told of him shall see,
and those who have never heard of him shall understand.'

ROMANS 15.17-21

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

An organ fanfare announces the Gospel. Stand.

Gospel Reading

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.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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



The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

MATTHEW 28.16–20

After the Gospel the Deacon says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The organist plays a musical response to the Gospel.

Sit for the sermon.

Sermon

The Reverend Prebendary Dr Isabelle Hamley,
Principal, Ridley Hall, Cambridge

The organist plays a musical response to the sermon.

Stand to say the Creed.

The Creed

Let us affirm our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**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.**

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 baptise 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:

Rick, Michael, and Simon we trust that you have weighed and pondered all this, and that you are now fully determined to devote yourselves 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?

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?

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?

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?

By the help of God, I will.

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

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?

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?

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?

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?

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?

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?

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 Rick, Michael, and Simon are ready to undertake, and you have heard their declarations.

Is it now your will that they should be ordained?

It is.

Will you continually pray for them?

We will.

Will you uphold and encourage Rick, Michael, and Simon in their ministry?

We will.

The ordinands turn to face the Archbishop, who continues:

Rick, Michael, and Simon, 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 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.

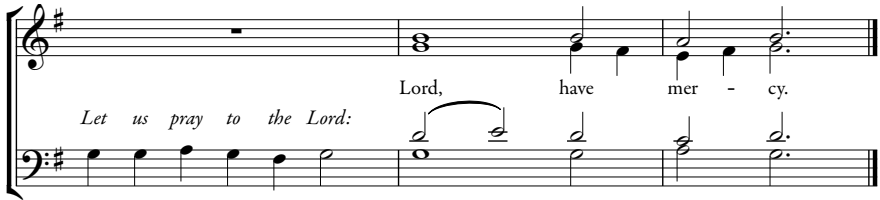
Words Latin, paraphrased by John Cosin (1594–1672)

Tune VENI CREATOR, mode viii

Remain kneeling.

The Litany

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



For the peace of the whole world,
for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all the members of the Church in their vocation and ministry,
that they may serve him in truth and love,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For 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.
Lord, have mercy.

For Rick, Michael, and Simon, called to be Bishops in the Church,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church,
that in faithful witness we may proclaim the gospel of reconciliation
to the ends of the earth,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the unity of the Church,
that there may be one flock and one Shepherd,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those who are lost and for those who have strayed,
that they may return to the way of Christ,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the hungry, for the homeless and the oppressed,
for all prisoners and captives,
and for our brothers and sisters who are persecuted for their faith,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Charles our King,
for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For ourselves,
for grace to repent and amend our lives,
that we may be pardoned and absolved from all our sins,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Remembering the Blessed Virgin Mary, Peter the Apostle,
Mary Ramabai, 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 . . .

to Christ, our God: To you— O Lord.

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 a Bishop 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 head of the ordinand, saying:

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

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

Send down the Holy Spirit on your servant Simon
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.

Amen.

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:

Rick, I anoint you with this oil of gladness.
May the Lord keep you in the joy, simplicity and compassion of his Gospel.

Michael, I anoint you with this oil of gladness.
May the Lord keep you in the joy, simplicity and compassion of his Gospel.

Simon, 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.

Amen.

*The Archbishop gives the newly ordained Bishops their rings and pectoral crosses,
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 Sir John Rutter (b 1945)

Stand.

The Welcome

*The newly ordained Bishops face the people, and the Bishop of Sodor and Man says
to them:*

Rick, Michael, and Simon,
guard the truth that has been entrusted to you
by the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

**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
and also with you.

A Deacon says:

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn



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| <p>1. How shall I sing that majesty
which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound
thy praise; but who am I?</p> <p>2. Thy brightness unto them appears,
while I thy footsteps trace;
a sound of God comes to my ears,
but they behold thy face.
They sing because thou art their Sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
for where heaven is but once begun
there alleluyas be.</p> | <p>3. Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
in flame it with love's fire,
then shall I sing and take my part
with that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
with all my fire and light;
yet when thou dost accept their gold,
Lord, treasure up my mite.</p> <p>4. How great a being, Lord, is thine,
which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
to sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore,
a sun without a sphere;
thy time is now and evermore,
thy place is everywhere.</p> |
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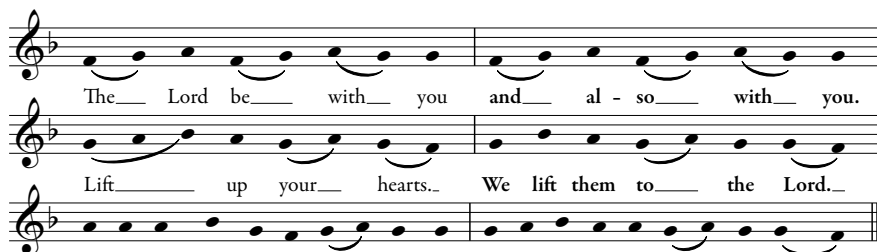
Taking of the Bread and Wine

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father,
as we set before you these gifts of bread and wine,
bless also the gift of our hearts and minds
as we offer our lives in your service;
for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen.

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.*

Remain standing.

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.

A Deacon says:

Great is the mystery of faith:

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Christ has died: Christ is ris - en: Christ will come — a-gain.

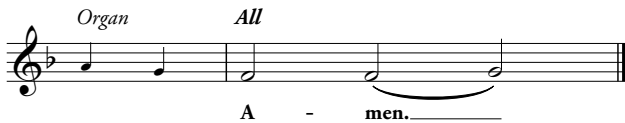
And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

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,
Mary Ramabai 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.

Amen.



A short silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us,
each praying in the language of our heart:

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The Archbishop says:

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.**

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.

During the distribution of communion the choir sings:

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: *Lamb of God, you take away the sin of
miserere nobis. the world, have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: *Lamb of God, you take away the sin of
dona nobis pacem. the world, grant us peace.*

Communion Songs

1. This is the air I breathe,
this is the air I breathe;
your holy presence living in me.

2. This is my daily bread,
this is my daily bread;
your very word spoken to me.

And I, I'm desperate for you.
And I, I'm lost without you.

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1. I will offer up my life
in spirit and truth;
pouring out the oil of love
as my worship to you.
In surrender I must give my ev'ry part;
Lord receive the sacrifice
of a broken heart.

*Jesus what can I give, what can I bring
to so faithful a friend, to so loving a King?
Saviour, what can be said, what can be sung
as a praise of your name
for the things you have done?
Oh, my words could not tell, not even in part,
of the debt of love that is owed
by this thankful heart.*

2. You deserve my every breath,
for you've paid the great cost;
giving up your life to death,
even death on a cross.
You took all my shame away,
there defeated my sin,
opened up the gates of heaven
and have beckoned me in.

Jesus what can I give ...

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1. Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice,
you became nothing, poured out to death.
Many times I've wondered at your gift of life,
and I'm in that place once again.
I'm in that place once again.

*And once again I look upon
the cross where you died,
I'm humbled by your mercy
and I'm broken inside.
Once again I thank you,
once again I pour out my life.*

2. Now you are exalted to the highest place,
King of the heavens, where one day I'll bow.
But for now, I marvel at this saving grace,
and I'm full of praise once again.
I'm full of praise once again.

And once again...

Thank you for the cross,
thank you for the cross,
thank you for the cross, my friend.
Thank you for the cross,
thank you for the cross,
thank you for the cross, my friend.

And once again...

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Prayer after Communion

Stand.

Let us pray.

Faithful God,
who called Mary Ramabai to serve you
and gave her joy in walking the path of holiness:
by this eucharist in which you renew within us the vision of your glory,
strengthen us all to follow the way of perfection
until we come to see you face to face;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**Merciful God,
you have called us to your table
and fed us with the bread of life.
Draw us and all people to serve your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

The Sending Out

The Blessing

The Archbishop says:

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

Blessed be the name of the Lord,
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.
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.
**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.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Recessional Hymn



1. Ye holy angels bright,
 who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light
 fly at your Lord's command,
 assist our song,
 for else the theme
 too high doth seem
 for mortal tongue.
2. Ye blessèd souls at rest,
 who ran this earthly race,
and now, from sin released,
 behold the Saviour's face,
 God's praises sound,
 as in his sight
 with sweet delight
 ye do abound.
3. Ye saints, who toil below,
 adore your heavenly King,
and onward as ye go
 some joyful anthem sing;
 take what he gives
 and praise him still,
 through good and ill,
 who ever lives!
4. My soul, bear thou thy part,
 triumph in God above:
and with a well-tuned heart
 sing thou the songs of love!
 let all thy days
 till life shall end,
 whate'er he send,
 be filled with praise.

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Voluntary

Toccata (Uzbekistan Suite)

Georgi Mushel (1909–1989)

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