

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



**Admission  
and Licensing  
of Readers**

**by**

**The Rt Revd Dr Jonathan Frost**

*Dean of York*

**Saturday 16 October 2021  
at 10.30 am**

## Welcome and General Information

Welcome to York Minster, on this joyous occasion when we admit Readers for ministry across the Diocese.

In your prayers, please remember before God those who are to be admitted as readers, their families and all who have supported them in the past, their parishes and those among whom they serve, the bishops, priests and deacons of this diocese, and all the people of God in their various callings.

Although the lockdown is beginning to ease, practical arrangements are still necessary in order to reduce the risk of infection. You are asked to make regular use of hand sanitiser, which is available at various points throughout the Minster, and to maintain physical distancing.

Communion is administered in one kind only. 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.

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

Please ensure that your mobile phone is switched off, and please do not use cameras or video recorders during the service. An official photograph will be taken after the service.

This service is being live-streamed to enable the wider church to share in it.

*Ten minutes before each service, a minister welcomes the congregation and notices are given. Please remain seated.*

*At 10.30 am, a bell is rung, and prayers are sung in the South Quire Aisle. Please stand.*

## The Readers

*The Readers to be admitted are:*

### *Archdeaconry of Cleveland*

Margaret Cooper	Brompton with Deighton & Rounton (East and West) with Welbury
Elizabeth Furnell	permission to Officiate in Ormesby
Christine Fairless	Wilton-in-Cleveland

### *Archdeaconry of East Riding*

John Edmond	Beverley, St Mary
Paula Evans	Skirlaugh, Catwick, Long Riston, Rise, Swine with Ellerby (held in plurality with Sigglesthorne with Nunkeeling and Bewholme)
Pauline Giddings	St Mark, Newby
Elizabeth Russell	Welton with Melton

### *Archdeaconry of York*

Dean Smahon	Rural Ainsty
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### *Readers to be licensed on transfer*

Martin Bailes	Dringhouses
Allison Dean	Senior Site Chaplain for Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
Ian Fletcher	Rudston, Boynton, Carnaby, Kilham, Burton Fleming with Fordon, Grindale and Wold Newton
Michael Udeagbara	St Martin with The Transfiguration, Hull

### *Reader to be given permission to Officiate on transfer*

Gareth Denby	Derwent Ings
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## The Declarations

*Before the service the candidates for admission and licensing as Readers make the Declarations in the form prescribed by Canons E 5 and E 6.*

*The Dean 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 Candidates respond:*

I, A B, 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 I will use only the forms of service which are authorized or allowed by Canon.

I, A B, will give due obedience to the Lord Archbishop of York and his successors in all things lawful and honest.

I, A B, about to be licensed to exercise the office of Reader in the Diocese of York, do hereby promise to endeavour, as far as in me lies, to promote peace and unity, and to conduct myself as becomes a worker for Christ, for the good of his Church, and for the spiritual welfare of all people. I will give due obedience to the minister in whose cure I may serve, in all things lawful and honest.

## Songs

*Before the service, the worship band will play:*

*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.*

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.

Bless the Lord O my soul...

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

Bless the Lord O my soul...

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 forevermore

Bless the Lord O my soul...

Yes, I will worship Your holy name  
Lord I'll worship Your holy name  
Sing like never before, oh my soul  
I worship your holy name,  
Yes, I will worship Your holy name  
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

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Music arr. Dan Galbraith & Brad Henderson

## ¶ *The Gathering and Presentation*

### **Processional Hymn**

Christ is made the sure foundation,  
    and the precious corner-stone,  
who, the two walls underlying,  
    bound in each, binds both in one,  
holy Sion's help for ever,  
    and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,  
    dearly loved by God on high,  
in exultant jubilation  
    pours perpetual melody,  
God the One, in threefold glory,  
    singing everlastingly.

To this temple, where we call thee,  
    come, O Lord of hosts, today;  
with thy wonted loving-kindness,  
    hear thy people as they pray;  
and thy fullest benediction  
    shed within its walls for ay.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
    gifts of grace by prayer to gain;  
here to have and hold for ever,  
    those good things their prayers obtain,  
and hereafter, in thy glory,  
    with thy blessed ones to reign.

Laud and honour to the Father;  
    laud and honour to the Son,  
Laud and honour to the Spirit,  
    ever Three, and ever One,  
One in love, and One in splendour,  
    while unending ages run.

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

*Tune* WESTMINSTER ABBEY, NEH 205, Henry Purcell (1659–95)

## The Greeting

*The Dean 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 are called;**

one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

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

Peace be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

*The Dean introduces the service:*

My brothers and sisters, God has gathered us into the fellowship of the universal Church. As members together of his body, Christ calls us to minister in his name and, according to our gifts, to be instruments of his love in the world. Within this ministry, Readers are called to serve the Church of God and to work together with clergy and other ministers. They are to lead public worship, to preach and teach the word of God, to assist at the Eucharist and to share in pastoral and evangelistic work. As authorized lay ministers, they are to encourage the ministries of God's people, as the Spirit distributes gifts among us all. They are called to help the whole Church to participate in God's mission to the world.

*Please remain standing.*

## Prayers of Penitence

I set no store by life: I only want to finish the race  
and complete the task which the Lord Jesus assigned to me,  
of bearing witness to the gospel of God's grace.  
Conscious of our failure to proclaim the gospel,  
let us call to mind our sins.

*Acts 20.24*

*Silence is kept.*

Lord Jesus, you said to your disciples:  
'You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you.'  
Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord Jesus, we know that the harvest is plentiful  
but the labourers are few.  
Christ, have mercy.

*All* **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you appointed us to go and bear fruit that will last.  
Lord, have mercy.

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

May almighty God,  
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,  
bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please sit.*



## The Presentation of the Candidates

*The candidates for admission, and those to be licensed on transfer from other dioceses, stand. The Warden of Readers presents them to the Dean, first saying:*

Bishop Jonathan, I present these persons to be admitted to the office of Reader.

*The Warden presents each candidate in turn.*

*When all the candidates have been presented, the Dean asks these questions:*

Have they made the Declaration of Assent, and thereby affirmed and declared their belief in the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds and to which the historic formularies of the Church of England bear witness? Have they also made the declaration of obedience to the Archbishop and the declaration which must be made before a Reader is licensed?

*The Warden of Readers answers:*

They have.

*The Dean asks:*

Are they men and women of Christian character, well versed in the Holy Scriptures and in the doctrines of our faith?

*The Director of Reader Studies answers:*

They are.

*The Dean asks:*

Have they been sufficiently prepared for the duties of this office?

*The Director of Reader Studies answers:*

They have.

*The congregation stands.*

## The Collect

*The Dean introduces a period of silent prayer with the following bidding:*

*Dean* Let us pray for those to be admitted to the office of Reader,  
and for the ministry of the whole people of God.

*The congregation remains standing, and there follows a pause for silent prayer.*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,  
that in their vocation and ministry  
they may serve you in holiness and truth  
to the glory of your name;  
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.**

*The congregation sits.*

## ¶ *The Liturgy of the Word*

### **Old Testament Reading**

A reading from the Prophecy of 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.

*Isaiah 61.1–3a*

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

### **New Testament Reading**

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

*2 Timothy 4.1–5*

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

'The kingdom is upon you!'  
the voice of Jesus cries,  
fulfilling with its message  
the wisdom of the wise;  
it lightens with fresh insight  
the striving human mind,  
creating new dimensions  
of faith for all to find.

'God's kingdom is upon you!'  
the message sounds today,  
it summons every pilgrim  
to take the questing way,  
with eyes intent on Jesus,  
our leader and our friend,  
who trod faith's road before us,  
and trod it to the end.

The kingdom is upon us!  
Stirred by the Spirit's breath,  
we glory in its freedom  
from emptiness and death;  
we celebrate its purpose,  
its mission and its goal,  
alive with the conviction  
that Christ can make us whole.

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*Tune* WOLVERCOTE, AM 795, W H Ferguson (1874–1950)

## Gospel Reading

*The reader says*

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

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

Jesus said: 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.'

'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

*Luke 12.35–40*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*An organ improvisation honours the reading of the Gospel.*

*Please sit.*

## Sermon

The Rt Revd Dr Jonathan Frost, Dean

*After the sermon, a short piece of music is played to give time for reflection.*

*The congregation remains seated. The candidates stand.*

## The Questions

*The Dean addresses the candidates directly:*

In order that we may be satisfied that you are ready to begin the ministry of a Reader, you must now answer the questions we put to you.

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

*Candidates* I do so believe.

*Dean* Will you be faithful in leading the people of God in worship, and in preaching the word to them?

*Candidates* By the grace of God, I will.

*Dean* 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?

*Candidates* By the grace of God, I will.

*Dean* Will you endeavour to fashion your life according to the way of Christ?

*Candidates* By the grace of God, I will.

*Dean* Will you promote unity, peace and love in the Church and in the world, and especially among those whom you serve?

*Candidates* By the grace of God, I will.

*Dean* Will you work closely with your colleagues in ministry and encourage the gifts of others?

*Candidates* By the grace of God, I will.

*The congregation stands and the candidates turn to face them.*

*Dean* Brothers and sisters, these men and women have been chosen for the office of Reader. Will you uphold and encourage them in their ministry?

*All* **We will.**

*Dean* Will you continue to pray for them?

*All* **We will.**

*The Dean addresses the clergy of the parishes or deaneries of the new Readers, asking:*

*Dean* Will you work closely with your new Readers and encourage them to use their gifts and develop their ministry?

*Clergy* We will.

*Dean* Will you commend them to the people amongst whom they will minister?

*Clergy* We will.

*The congregation sits or kneels.*

## Prayers of Intercession

*The Intercessor says:*

We pray for the flourishing of God's gifts to his Church, saying:

Lord of the Church,

*All* **in your mercy hear us.**

God our Father, you give us gifts that we may work together  
in the service of your Son:

bless the leaders of your Church,  
that they may be firm in faith, and humble before you.

Lord of the Church,

*All* **in your mercy hear us.**

Bless those who teach,  
that they may increase our understanding,  
and be open to your word for them.

Lord of the Church,

*All* **in your mercy hear us.**

Bless those who minister healing,  
that they may bring wholeness to others,  
yet know your healing in themselves.

Lord of the Church,

*All* **in your mercy hear us.**

Bless those through whom you speak,  
that they may proclaim your word in power,  
yet open their ears to your gentle whisper.

Lord of the Church,

*All* **in your mercy hear us.**

Bless those who work in your world today,  
that in the complexity of their daily lives they may live for you,  
fulfil your purposes, and seek your kingdom first.

Lord of the Church,

*All* **in your mercy hear us.**



Bless those who are uncertain of their gifts  
and those who are powerless in this world's eyes,  
that they may be made strong in your gift of the Holy Spirit.

Lord of the Church,  
**All** **hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind  
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.**

## The Admission and Licensing

*The Dean says:*

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

We praise and glorify you  
because you sent your only Son Jesus Christ  
to proclaim the good news of your kingdom,  
to seek the lost, to heal the sick and the broken-hearted,  
and to die and rise again for us.

We praise and glorify you  
because in every age you send your Spirit  
to fill those whom you have chosen,  
to equip your holy people for the work of ministry,  
for the building up of the body of Christ.

And now we give you thanks  
that you have called these your servants,  
whom we admit in your name,  
to share as Readers in the ministry of the gospel of Christ.

*The candidates for admission kneel or stand before the Dean, who admits them  
to the office of Reader by the delivery of a copy of the New Testament, together  
with their licence, or permission to officiate, with these words*

N, I admit you as a Reader in the Church,  
*either* and license you to serve in the parish [benefice or deanery] of...  
*or* and grant you permission to officiate in the parish of...  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**All** **Amen.**

*The Dean continues:*

Almighty God, give your grace to these your servants.  
Inflame them with the fire of your love;  
enlighten their minds;  
instruct their lips;  
and grant them a vision of your will and purpose;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

*All* **Amen.**

*The Dean gives the Readers whose licenses are being renewed and those who have moved into the Diocese their licences with these words:*

N, I welcome you as you return to ministry in this diocese.

*either* Receive this licence and authority to exercise the office of Reader  
in the parish [benefice or deanery] of...

*or* Receive this grant of permission to officiate  
in the parish [benefice or deanery] of...  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

*When all have been admitted and licensed, the Dean blesses them, saying*

May the Lord give you wisdom, courage, strength and love to do his will,  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
rest upon you, and on your work done in his name,  
now and always.

*All* **Amen.**

*Each new Reader is vested with a blue scarf.*

*The Dean says to those who have been admitted and licensed*

We welcome you as ministers of God's word.

*All* **May the word of Christ dwell in you richly.**

*The congregation stands for the Peace.*

## † The Liturgy of the Eucharist

### The Peace

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you

*All* **and also with you.**

*Deacon* Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may share a sign of peace.*

### Offertory Hymn

All for Jesus, all for Jesus,  
this our song shall ever be;  
for we have no hope, nor Saviour,  
if we have not hope in thee.

All for Jesus, thou wilt give us  
strength to serve thee, hour by hour;  
none can move us from thy presence  
while we trust thy love and power.

All for Jesus, at thine altar  
thou dost give us sweet content;  
there, dear Lord, we shall receive thee  
in the solemn sacrament.

All for Jesus, thou hast loved us;  
all for Jesus! thou hast died;  
all for Jesus! thou art with us,  
all for Jesus crucified.

All for Jesus, all for Jesus,  
this the church's song shall be,  
till, at last, we all are gathered  
one in love and one in thee.

Words W J Sparrow-Simpson (1859–1952)

Tune ALL FOR JESUS, AM 421, John Stainer (1840–1901)

## Preparation of the Table

As the grain once scattered in the fields  
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside  
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,  
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together  
from the corners of the earth  
into your kingdom.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ,  
your living Word, through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us,  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks  
because he breathed upon his disciples the power of your Spirit,  
to proclaim the good news to all peoples.

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

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

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, 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 kneel. Silence is kept.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Dean* 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**

*The Dean breaks the consecrated bread, saying:*

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 Dean says:*

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.

*All* **Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

The body and blood of Christ keep you in eternal life.

*Communicant members of all Christian Churches are invited to receive communion.  
Please make use of hand sanitiser before receiving communion.*

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

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

## Music during Communion

Before You I kneel, my Master and Maker,  
To offer the work of my hands.  
For this is the day You've given Your servant;  
I will rejoice and be glad  
For the strength I have to live and breathe,  
For each skill Your grace has given me,  
For the needs and opportunities  
That will glorify Your great name.

Before You I kneel and ask for Your goodness  
To cover the work of my hands.  
For patience and peace to shape all my labour,  
Your grace for thorns in my path.  
Flow within me like a living stream,  
Wear away the stones of pride and greed  
'Til Your ways are dwelling deep in me  
And a harvest of life is grown.

Before You we kneel, our Master and Maker;  
Establish the work of our hands.  
And order our steps to seek first Your kingdom  
In every small and great task.  
May we live the gospel of Your grace,  
Serve Your purpose in our fleeting days,  
Then our lives will bring eternal praise  
And all glory to Your great name.

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Holy Spirit, living breath of God  
Breathe new life into my willing soul  
Bring the presence of the risen Lord  
To renew my heart and make me whole  
Cause Your Word to come alive in me  
Give me faith for what I cannot see  
Give me passion for Your purity  
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me

Holy Spirit, come abide within  
May Your joy be seen in all I do  
Love enough to cover every sin  
In each thought and deed and attitude  
Kindness to the greatest and the least  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace  
Turn my strivings into works of grace  
Breath of God show Christ in all I do

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth  
Giving life to all that God has made  
Show Your power once again on earth  
Cause Your church to hunger for your ways  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise  
Lead us on the road of sacrifice  
That in unity the face of Christ  
May be clear for all the world to see

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*Please stand.*



## Prayer after Communion

*Please stand.*

*All* **You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ,  
and you have made yourself known in the breaking of the bread.  
Abide with us, we pray,  
that, blessed by your royal presence,  
we may walk with you all the days of our life,  
and at its end behold you in the glory of the eternal Trinity,  
one God for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## Presentations and Affirmation

*Certificates are presented to long-serving Readers.*

*Please stand.*

*The Dean says:*

I invite all Readers present to reaffirm your commitment to your ministry.

We share in Christ's mission,  
called to proclaim the Good News in word and deed,  
to be ministers of reconciliation, peace and love,  
and to rejoice in the gifts that God gives to each.  
Will you strive to live in accordance with your calling  
and the ministry entrusted to you as Readers,  
devoting to it your best powers of body, mind and spirit?

*Readers* By the help of God, we will.

## ¶ *The Sending Out*

### **The Blessing**

*The Dean says*

God who has called you is faithful.  
May the Father, whose glory fills the heavens,  
cleanse you by his holiness and send you to proclaim his word.

*All* **Amen.**

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

*All* **Amen.**

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

*All* **Amen.**

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

*All* **Amen.**

### **The Dismissal**

*The Deacon says*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## Recessional Hymn

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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*Tune* WOODLANDS, NEH 186, Walter Greatorex (1877–1949)

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