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CHRISM EUCHARIST

with

**The Blessing of Oils
and**

The Renewal of Commitment to Ministry

President and Preacher

**The Most Reverend and Right Honourable
Stephen Cottrell, Lord Archbishop of York,
Primate of England and Metropolitan**

**Tuesday 31st March 2026
at 11.00 am**

Historical Note

Our baptism is the sacramental sign of our union with Christ, and of God's gift to us of his Holy Spirit, to make us God's children by adoption and grace, and to equip us for the share that all Christians have in Christ's own ministry. The New Testament speaks of this gift of the Holy Spirit as an anointing (1 JOHN 2.20–27; 2 COR 1.21–22). From an early date, it became customary to trace the sign of the cross in oil on the heads of candidates for baptism, and to anoint them again after baptism with the perfumed oil of chrism—a sign of incorporation into the prophetic, priestly and royal life of Jesus Christ. At the same time, the Letter of James urges its recipients to anoint the sick with oil (JAMES 5.15), as a sign of the healing and forgiveness that are also given through the Holy Spirit (cf. MARK 6.13). These are the biblical roots of the ancient custom of using oils in the life of the Church, and of the three particular oils—of Catechumens, of the Sick, and of Chrism—that are prepared in the Chrism Eucharist. They have come to be used in many ways—especially, as in the Old Testament, for the setting apart of people and things for a special place in the life of the Church, for bishops and priests at their ordination, for kings and queens at their crowning, and for churches and altars at their consecration.

There is a more recent custom, introduced first into the Roman Catholic Church in the mid-twentieth century, that the Chrism Eucharist is also an occasion for the renewal of commitment to ministry. As the priests gathered around their bishop on Maundy Thursday, to receive the oils to take back to their parishes, he suggested that they should renew their commitment to serve Christ. This is appropriate during this Holy Week, when we remember that Christ consecrated himself to his Father's service and expressed his obedient self-gift in the institution of the Eucharist and in the agony of Gethsemane, and prayed for the unity of his disciples. It is important to distinguish this renewal from the renewal of the commitment of all God's people to the royal and priestly ministry they have received in baptism. This second renewal, which is theologically prior to the first, properly takes place in the reaffirmation of baptismal promises at the Easter Liturgy.

Adapted from *Common Worship: Times and Seasons*

*Please join in singing the congregational responses, as well as in saying together the words printed in **bold** type. Please follow the directions of the stewards. Where "Sit" or "Stand" are indicated, these are given simply as a guide. Throughout the service please feel free to adopt the posture that is most comfortable for you.*

The Eucharist is sung by the congregation to MASS OF ST THOMAS by David Thorne.

The Gathering

Stand.

Processional Hymn



1. 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.
2. All that dedicated city,
dearly loved by God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody,
God the One, in Threefold glory,
singing everlastingly.
3. 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.
4. 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 blessèd ones to reign.
5. Laud and honour to the Father;
 laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
 ever Three, and ever One,
One in love, and One in splendour,
 while unending ages run.

Words NEH 205, Seventh-century Latin,
translated into English by the Reverend John Mason Neale (1818–1866)
Tune WESTMINSTER ABBEY, NEH 205, adapted from the *Alleluyas* in
Purcell's *O God, Thou art my God* for BELVILLE in *The Psalmist* (1843)

Greeting

The Archbishop says:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Jesus Christ has made us a kingdom of priests
to serve our God and Father.

Glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.

Peace be with you
and also with you.

The Archbishop introduces the service.

Prayers of Penitence

A Deacon says:

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

**Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Archbishop says:

The Lord enrich you with his grace,
and nourish you with his blessing;
the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil;
the Lord accept your prayers,
and absolve you from your offences,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Gloria in excelsis

Everyone sings:

(Organ) Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est.

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al-migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we

wor ship you, we give you thanks, we_ praise you for your glo - ry.

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take_ a - way the

sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are

seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est.

For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,
 with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est.

The Collect

The Archbishop says:

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father,
 you anointed your Son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit and with power
 to bring to us the blessings of your kingdom:
 anoint your Church with the same Holy Spirit,
 that we who share in his suffering and victory
 may bear witness to the gospel of salvation;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

read by the Reverend Stephen Maughan, Assistant Curate, Selby Abbey

A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

The boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

I SAMUEL 3.1-10

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand.

Hymn



1. Speak O Lord, as we come to you
to receive the food of your holy word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
all your purposes, for your glory.
2. Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
let their truth prevail over unbelief.
3. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built
as the earth is filled with your glory.

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Sit.

New Testament Reading

read by the Reverend Gloria Naylor, Master of the Charterhouse, Hull

A reading from the Revelation to John.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

REVELATION I.5b-8

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand.

Organ music is played.

Gospel Reading

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



One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner.' Jesus spoke up and said to him, 'Simon, I have something to say to you.' 'Teacher,' he replied, 'speak.' 'A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?' Simon answered, 'I suppose the one for whom he cancelled the greater debt.' And Jesus said to him, 'You have judged rightly.' Then turning towards the woman, he said to Simon, 'Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.' Then he said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven.' But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, 'Who is this who even forgives sins?' And he said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'

LUKE 7.36–50

After the Gospel the Deacon says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The organist plays a musical response to the Gospel reading.

Sit for the sermon.

Sermon

The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Stephen Cottrell,
Lord Archbishop of York, Primate of England and Metropolitan

The organist plays a musical response to the sermon.

The Renewal of Commitment to Ministry

The Archbishop says:

My brothers and sisters, at his Last Supper, our Lord Jesus Christ gave his disciples a new commandment, that they should love one another, and he prayed that they might be one. He gave them an everlasting sign of his own love, in the sacrament of bread and wine. He consecrated himself to his Father's service, to be the high priest of the New Covenant. I invite you now to dedicate yourselves afresh to his service, as stewards of the mysteries of God, and ministers of his grace.

The Archbishop addresses Licensed Lay Ministers, Licensed Lay Workers, Church Army Officers, Lay Diocesan Officers, and non-ordained members of religious communities:

When you were commissioned, you undertook to be faithful in prayer, and by word and example to minister to those for whom Christ died. Will you do all that is in your power to witness to God's love for his people?

By the help of God, I will.

The Archbishop addresses the Deacons:

At your ordination as a Deacon, you received the yoke of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve. Will you continue faithfully in this ministry, to build up God's people in his truth, and serve them in his name?

By the help of God, I will.

The Archbishop addresses the Priests:

At your ordination to the Priesthood, you took authority to watch over and care for God's people, to absolve and bless them in his name, to proclaim the gospel of salvation, and to minister the sacraments of his New Covenant. Will you continue as faithful stewards of the mysteries of God, preaching the Gospel of Christ and ministering his holy sacraments?

By the help of God, I will.

A young person addresses the Bishops:

At your ordination as Bishops you received the gift of the Spirit, that you might lead the church in mission, and send out ministers in Christ's name; that you might promote its unity, uphold its discipline, and guard its faith; and that you might teach and govern the people committed to your charge. Will you continue faithfully in this ministry, watching over Christ's own flock, and building them up in the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace?

By the help of God, I will.

A young person addresses all the Ministers:

May the God of peace sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and he will accomplish it.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

The Archbishop addresses the whole congregation:

My brothers and sisters, pray for all who minister, that they may be constant in prayer and steadfast in faith, and serve your people with joy.

Lord, hear us.

Pray for your Deacons, that the Lord may pour upon them the riches of his grace. Pray that he who has called them to his service may make them worthy of his calling.

Lord, hear us.

Pray for your Priests. Ask the Lord to bless them with the fullness of his love, that they may be faithful ministers of his word and sacrament, and lead his people in the way of salvation.

Lord, hear us.

Pray for your Bishops, that despite our unworthiness we may be faithful to the great trust that has been handed to us. Pray that we may become more like our Good Shepherd and great High Priest, the teacher and servant of us all, and so become more and more a sign of Christ's loving presence among you.

Lord, hear us.

Pray for the families of those who minister, for their homes, and for all with whom they share their lives.

Lord, hear us.

May the Lord in his love keep us ever close to him, and may he bring us all to the fullness of eternal life. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The Archbishop says:

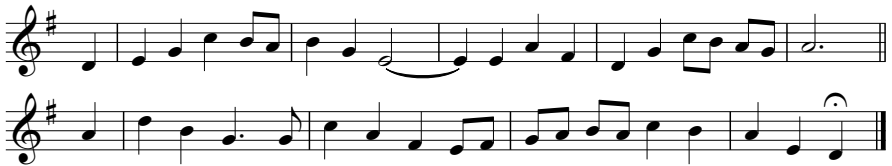
God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

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



1. Blest by the sun, the olive tree
brought clusters of fair fruit to birth,
whose ripeness now we bring with prayer,
Lord Christ, redeemer of the earth.
2. Eternal King, look down and bless
the oil your servants offer here,
and may it be a lively sign
which all the powers of darkness fear.
3. From those washed in the sacred font
let Satan's influence depart,
and when this oil the brow shall seal
transforming grace invade the heart.
4. Our wounded nature thus be healed
by your anointing grace, O Lord;
in men and women so renewed
shall God's own image be restored.

The Blessing of the Oils

The Archbishop says:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.

A Deacon presents the oil for the sick, and says:

The oil for the anointing of the sick and dying.

The Bishop of Selby says:

Blessed are you, sovereign God, gentle and merciful,
creator of heaven and earth.

Your Word brought light out of darkness,
and daily your Spirit renews the face of the earth.

Your anointed Son brought healing
to those in weakness and distress.

He broke the power of evil and set us free from sin and death
that we might praise your name for ever.

By the power of your Spirit may your blessing rest
on those who are anointed with this oil in your name;
may they be made whole in body, mind and spirit,
restored in your image, renewed in your love,
and serve you as sons and daughters in your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

A Deacon presents the oil for baptism, and says:

The oil for the signing with the cross at baptism.

The Bishop of Hull says:

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, the protector of all who believe in you.

Your anointed Son overcame the powers of evil
when he was lifted high upon the cross.

By the power of your Spirit may your blessing rest
on those who are anointed with this oil in your name;

as they come to the waters of baptism
may it be for them a sign of your defence in their fight
against sin, the world and the devil,

and bring them to share in Christ's victory.

Blessed be God for ever.

A Deacon presents the oil of chrism, and says:

The oil of chrism for anointing at confirmation.

The Bishop of Whitby says:

Blessed are you, Sovereign God and Eternal Father,
upholding by your grace all who hear your call.
Under your Old Covenant priests and kings were anointed to serve you
and in the fullness of time you anointed your Son by the Holy Spirit
to be the Christ, the Saviour and Servant of all.
By the power of your Spirit may your blessing rest
on those who are anointed with this chrism in your name;
let it be for them a sign of joy and gladness
as they share in the royal priesthood of the New Covenant
and make known the kingdom of Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
we lift our voices of thanks and praise:

**Blessed be God, our strength and our salvation,
now and for ever. Amen.**



5. Lord Christ, the Father's only Son,
who took our flesh in Mary's womb,
give light to your anointed ones,
and break the power of death's dark tomb.

6. So may this joyous Paschal feast,
the time when saving grace is given,
fill every Christian soul with praise,
and raise our minds from earth to heaven. Amen.

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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 indeed right and good
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
By the outpouring of your Holy Spirit
you anointed him to be the servant of all
and ordained that he should enter into your kingdom through suffering.
And now he stands by us and pours out for our healing
the oil of consolation and the wine of renewed hope.
In your wisdom and love you anoint your holy people
to be a royal priesthood,
to share in Christ's suffering and to reveal his glory to the world.
Therefore earth unites with heaven to sing a new song of praise;
we too join with angels and archangels
as they proclaim your glory without end:

Everyone sings:

(Organ) Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might.
Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na,
Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na,
san-na, Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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:

Christ is the bread of life.
**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

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 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.

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

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.**

Everyone sings:

(Organ) Lamb of God, you take away the
sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you
take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of
God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace. (Organ)

Giving of Communion

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

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

Sit or kneel.

Holy Communion is administered from a number of places. Please follow the directions of the Stewards. Gluten-free wafers are available.

During Communion

As we continue in prayer, the following hymns will be sung:

1. Pierced for our transgressions, punished for our sins,
 he poured his life out for us, that we might follow him.
He carried all our sorrows and burdens he did bear,
 he died a death of sinners for he so loved this world.
2. You made your life a ransom and paid for all our sins.
 Hung crucified on Calv'ry despised and scorned by all.
You died that we might know you, you died that we might live,
 but rose again triumphant, the Son of righteousness.

*Jesus we adore thee, light of life for humankind.
Your love it knows no measure and your mercy knows no bounds.
Jesus suffering servant, Jesus prince of Peace;
Lamb of God, Messiah, how worthy is your name.*

3. One day we'll see our Saviour in clouds of glory come
 to gather us, his children: God's conquering Son.
That at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
 and every tongue confess him the King of Glory now.

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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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Stand.

Prayer after Communion

The Archbishop says:

Let us pray.

Good Shepherd
you have welcomed us at your table
and have anointed us with the oil of gladness:
may your goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our life,
that we may dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Amen.

**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.

Hymn



1. Lord, you give the great commission:
 ‘Heal the sick and preach the word.’
Lest the Church neglect its mission,
 and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
 with renewed integrity;
with the Spirit’s gifts empower us
 for the work of ministry.

2. Lord, you call us to your service:
 ‘In my name baptize and teach.’
That the world may trust your promise,
 life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervour, draw us
 closer in community;
with the Spirit’s gifts empower us
 for the work of ministry.

4. Lord, you show us love’s true measure;
 ‘Father, what they do, forgive.’
Yet we hoard as private treasure
 all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us
 to a just society;
with the Spirit’s gifts empower us
 for the work of ministry.

3. Lord, you make the common holy:
 ‘This my body, this my blood.’
Let us all, for earth’s true glory,
 daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us
 share your children’s liberty;
with the Spirit’s gifts empower us
 for the work of ministry.

5. Lord, you bless with words assuring:
 ‘I am with you to the end.’
Faith and hope and love restoring,
 may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us,
 hold in mind eternity;
with the Spirit’s gifts empower us
 for the work of ministry.

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The Blessing

The Archbishop says:

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The Father, whose glory fills the heavens,
cleanse you by his holiness and send you to proclaim his word.
Amen.

The Son, who has ascended to the heights,
pour upon you the riches of his grace.
Amen.

The Holy Spirit, the Comforter,
equip you and strengthen you in your ministry.
Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Deacon says:

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

Voluntary

All are welcome to stay for hot cross buns and refreshments after the service, which will be served in the North Transept.

Oils may be collected after the service from the South Transept.

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