



ALL SOULS LANGHAM PLACE

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SERVICE OF ORDINATION  
OF DEACONS AND PRESBYTERS

*by*

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BISHOP OF MAIDSTONE

*in the presence of*

**The Rt Revd & Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally**  
BISHOP OF LONDON

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WEDNESDAY 7 JULY 2021 AT 7.30PM

## ORDINANDS

**Callum Elwood**

AS PRESBYTER SERVING AT ST PETER'S BARGE

**Edward Underhill**

AS PRESBYTER SERVING AT EUSTON CHURCH

**Thomas Wright**

AS PRESBYTER SERVING AT ST NICHOLAS COLE ABBEY

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**Jonathan Armstrong**

AS DEACON TO SERVE AT CHRIST CHURCH CROUCH END

**Drew Balch**

AS DEACON TO SERVE AT ST HELEN'S BISHOPSGATE

**Graham Dale**

AS DEACON TO SERVE AT ST MARY'S HARROW-ON-THE-HILL

**Philip Hudson**

AS DEACON TO SERVE AT ST HELEN'S BISHOPSGATE

**Philip Keen**

AS DEACON TO SERVE AT ALL SOULS LANGHAM PLACE

**Jonathan Simpson**

AS DEACON TO SERVE AT HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON

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## THE DECLARATION of ASSENT made by ALL ORDINANDS

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, Presbyters 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?

*Candidate says*

I \_\_\_\_\_, 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 authorized or allowed by Canon.

## WELCOME

*The Reverend Charlie Skrine, Rector of All Souls Langham Place*

HYMN Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*Words: Charles Wesley | Music: W P Rowlands | Arr Noël Tredinnick*

## THE GREETING

*The Bishop says*

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 Bishop welcomes the congregation and 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.

Deacons are ordained so that the people of God may be better equipped to make Christ known. Theirs is a life of visible self-giving. Christ is the pattern of their calling and their commission; as he washes the feet of his disciples, so they must wash the feet of others.

Presbyters are ordained to lead God's people in the offering of praise and the proclamation of the gospel. They share with the bishop in the oversight of the Church, delighting in its beauty and rejoicing in its well-being. They are to set the example of the Good Shepherd always before them as the pattern of their calling. With the bishop and their fellow presbyters, they are to sustain the community of the faithful by the ministry of the word and sacrament, that we all may grow into the fullness of Christ and be a living sacrifice acceptable to God.

As we meet together before God, and trusting in his grace alone, let us join with these ordinands in confessing our sins.

*The congregation sits to pray:*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
in the evil we have done and in the good we have not done,  
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 Bishop gives the words of absolution.*

## THE PRESENTATION

*The Archdeacon presents the candidates to the Bishop:*

Bishop Rod, we present \_\_\_\_\_ to be ordained to the office of deacon in the Church of God.

Bishop Rod, we present \_\_\_\_\_ to be ordained to the office of presbyter in the Church of God.

*The Ordinands come forward and face the people.*

*When the Ordinands have been presented, the Bishop asks these questions, to which the Director of Ministry responds*

Have you whose duty it is to know these Ordinands and examine them found them to be of godly life and sound learning?

DIRECTOR OF MINISTRY **We have**

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

DIRECTOR OF MINISTRY **We do**

*The Ordinands turn to face the Bishop, who says*

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

ORDINANDS **I do so believe**

*The Bishop asks the Archdeacon*

I invite the Archdeacon to confirm that the ordinands have taken the necessary oaths and made the Declaration of Assent.

*The Archdeacon says*

They have duly taken the oath of allegiance to the Sovereign and the oath of canonical obedience to the bishop. They have 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'.

*The Bishop then prays for those to be ordained:*

God our Father, Lord of all the world, through your Son you have called us into the fellowship of your universal Church: hear our prayer for your faithful people that in their vocation and ministry each may be an instrument of your love, and give to your servants now to be ordained the needful gifts of grace; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE LITURGY of THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NIVUK)

*Sarah Elwood*

‘The days are coming,’ declares the Lord,  
‘when I will make a new covenant  
with the people of Israel  
and with the people of Judah.  
It will not be like the covenant  
I made with their ancestors  
when I took them by the hand  
to lead them out of Egypt,  
because they broke my covenant,  
though I was a husband to them,’  
declares the Lord.  
‘This is the covenant that I will make with the people of Israel  
after that time,’ declares the Lord.  
‘I will put my law in their minds  
and write it on their hearts.  
I will be their God,  
and they will be my people.  
No longer will they teach their neighbour,  
or say to one another, “Know the Lord,”  
because they will all know me,  
from the least of them to the greatest,’  
declares the Lord.  
‘For I will forgive their wickedness  
and will remember their sins no more.’

NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 Corinthians 5:17-6:2 (NIVUK)

*Lucy Simpson*

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. For he says,

‘In the time of my favour I heard you,  
and in the day of salvation I helped you.’

I tell you, now is the time of God’s favour, now is the day of salvation.

SERMON Ambassadors of Christ

*The Rt Revd Rod Thomas, Bishop of Maidstone*

HYMN Tell All the World of Jesus

*Words: J E Seddon | Music: B Harwood*

## THE ORDINATION

THE DECLARATIONS: Deacons

*Those to be ordained deacon stand before the Bishop, who addresses the congregation:*

Deacons are called to work with the bishop and the presbyters with whom they serve as heralds of Christ’s kingdom. They are to proclaim the gospel in word and deed, as agents of God’s purposes of love. They are to serve the community in which they are set, bringing to the Church the needs and hopes of all the people. They are to work with their fellow members in searching out the poor and weak, the sick and lonely and those who are oppressed and powerless, reaching into the forgotten corners of the world, that the love of God may be made visible.

Deacons share in the pastoral ministry of the Church and in leading God’s people in worship. They preach the word and bring the needs of the world before the Church in intercession. They accompany those searching for faith and bring them to baptism. They assist in administering the sacraments; they distribute communion and minister to the sick and housebound.

Deacons are to seek nourishment from the Scriptures; they are to study them with God’s people, that the whole Church may be equipped to live out the gospel in the world. They are to be faithful in prayer, expectant and watchful for the signs of God’s presence, as he reveals his kingdom among us.

*The Bishop addresses the ordinands directly:*

We trust that you are fully determined, by the grace of God, to give yourself wholly to his service, that you may draw his people into that new life which God has prepared for those who love him. 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.**

Do you believe the doctrine of the Christian faith as the Church of England has received it, and in your ministry will you expound and teach it?

**I believe it and will so do.**

Will you strive to make the love of Christ known through word and example, and have a particular care for those in need?

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

Will you be a faithful servant in the household of God, after the example of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve?

**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, that you may be a pattern and example to Christ's people?

**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 and give due respect to those in authority?

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

Will you then, in the strength of the Holy Spirit, continually stir up the gift of God that is in you, to grow in holiness and grace?

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

*The congregation stands and the ordinands turn and face them. The Bishop addresses the congregation:*

Brothers and sisters, you have heard how great is the charge these ordinands 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 them in their ministry?

**We will.**

*The ordinands turn back to face the Bishop, who continues, addressing them:*

In the name of our Lord, we bid you remember the greatness of the trust in which you are now to share: the ministry of Christ himself, who for our sake took the form of a servant. Remember always with thanksgiving that the people among whom you will minister are made in God's image and likeness. In serving them you are serving Christ himself, before whom you will be called to account.

*Those to be ordained deacon sit.*

THE DECLARATIONS: Presbyters

*Those to be ordained presbyter stand before the Bishop, who addresses the congregation:*

Presbyters are called to be servants and shepherds among the people to whom they are sent. With their bishop and fellow-ministers, they are to proclaim the Word of the Lord and to watch for the signs of God's new creation. They are to be messengers, watchmen and stewards of the Lord; they are to teach and to admonish, to feed and provide for his family, to search for his children in the wilderness of this world's temptations, and to guide them through its confusions, that they may be saved through Christ for ever. Formed by the word, they are to call their hearers to repentance and to declare in Christ's name the absolution and forgiveness of their sins.

With all God's people, they are to tell the story of God's love. They are to baptise new disciples in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and to walk with them in the way of Christ, nurturing them in the faith. They are to unfold the Scriptures, to preach the word in season and out of season, and to declare the mighty acts of God. They are to preside at the Lord's table and lead his people in worship, offering with them a spiritual sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. They are to bless the people in God's name. They are to resist evil, support the weak, defend the poor, and intercede for all in need. They are to minister to the sick and prepare the dying for their death. Guided by the Spirit, they are to discern and foster the gifts of all God's people, that the whole Church may be built up in unity and faith.

*The Bishop addresses the ordinands directly:*

We trust that long ago you began to weigh and ponder all this, and that you are fully determined, by the grace of God, to devote yourself wholly

to his service, so that as you daily follow the rule and teaching of our Lord and grow into his likeness, God may 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 Christ's people in proclaiming his glorious gospel, so that the good news of salvation may be heard in every place?

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

Will you faithfully minister the doctrine and sacraments of Christ as the Church of England has received them, so that the people committed to your charge may be defended against error and flourish in the faith?

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

Will you, knowing yourself to be reconciled to God in Christ, strive to be an instrument of God's peace in the Church and in the world?

**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, that you may be a pattern and example to Christ's people?

**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 and minister the discipline of this Church, and respect authority duly exercised within it?

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

Will you then, in the strength of the Holy Spirit, continually stir up the gift of God that is in you, to make Christ known among all whom you serve?

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

*All stand, as the ordinands turn and face the congregation.*

Brothers and sisters, you have heard how great is the charge that these ordinands 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 them in their ministry?

**We will.**

*The ordinands turn back to face the Bishop, who continues, addressing them:*

In the name of our Lord we bid you remember the greatness of the trust that is now to be committed to your charge. Remember always with thanksgiving that the treasure now to be entrusted to you is Christ's own flock, bought by the shedding of his blood on the cross. It is to him that you will render account for your stewardship of his people.

*Those to be ordained deacon stand. The Bishop addresses all the ordinands:*

You cannot bear the weight of this calling in your own strength, but only by the grace and power of God. Pray therefore that your heart may daily be enlarged and your understanding of the Scriptures enlightened. Pray earnestly for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

*The ordinands kneel.*

VENI CREATOR

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,  
and lighten with celestial fire;  
thou the anointing Spirit art,  
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above  
is comfort, life and fire of love;  
enable with perpetual light  
the dullness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face  
with the abundance of thy grace;  
keep far our foes, give peace at home;  
where thou art guide no ill can come.

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.

PRAYERS *Joanna Richards, churchwarden*

THE ORDINATION PRAYER: Deacons

*Those to be ordained deacon kneel before the Bishop, 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 to take the form of a slave; he humbled himself for our sake, and in obedience accepted death, even death on a cross.

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 ordain in your name, to share as deacons in the ministry of the gospel of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Therefore, Father, through Christ our Lord we pray:

*Here the Bishop lays his hands on the head of each ordinand, saying*

Send down the Holy Spirit on your servant, \_\_\_\_\_,  
for the office and work of a deacon in your Church.

Through your Spirit, heavenly Father, give these your servants grace and power to fulfil their ministry. Make them faithful to serve and constant in advancing your gospel in the world. May they follow the example of Jesus Christ your Son, who washed the feet of his disciples, and set the needs of others before his own.

May their life be disciplined and holy, their words declare your love and their actions reveal your glory, that your people may walk with them in the way of truth and be made ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; to whom, with you and your Holy Spirit, belong glory and honour, worship and praise, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE ORDINATION PRAYER: Presbyters

*Those to be ordained presbyter kneel before the Bishop, 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 have given us 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 has given his gifts abundantly, 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 this your servant, whom we ordain in your name, to share as presbyter 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:

*Here the Bishop and the Training Incumbent lay their hands on the head of each ordinand, and the Bishop says*

Send down the Holy Spirit on your servant, \_\_\_\_\_,  
for the office and work of a priest in your Church.

Through your Spirit, heavenly Father, give these your servants grace and power to proclaim the gospel of your salvation and minister the sacraments of the new covenant. Renew them in holiness, and give them wisdom and discipline to work faithfully with those committed to their charge.

In union with his fellow servants in Christ, may they reconcile what is divided, heal what is wounded and restore what is lost.

May they declare your blessings to your people; may they proclaim Christ's victory over the powers of darkness, and absolve in Christ's name those who turn to Him in faith; so shall a people made whole in Christ offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to you, our God and Father, to whom, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, belong glory and honour, worship and praise, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE GIVING of the BIBLE to the NEWLY ORDAINED DEACONS

*The newly ordained deacons stand and the Bishop gives the Bible to each of them.*

Receive this book, as a sign of the authority given you this day to speak God's word to his people. Build them up in his truth and serve them in his name.

*The Archdeacon says to the newly ordained deacons:*

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

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

## THE GIVING of the BIBLE to the NEWLY ORDAINED PRESBYTERS

*The newly ordained presbyters stand, and the Bishop gives the Bible to them.*

Receive this book, as a sign of the authority which God has given you this day to preach the gospel of Christ and to minister his holy sacraments.

## THE WELCOME of the NEWLY ORDAINED PRESBYTERS

*The Archdeacon says to the newly ordained presbyters*

God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

**We welcome you as ambassadors for Christ:  
let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.**

*The Bishop 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 us the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## HYMN How Deep the Father's Love For Us

*Stuart Townend*

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hear the words of comfort our Saviour Christ says to all who truly turn to him: "God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

Hear also what the Apostle John says: Christ is "the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world."

Therefore, lift up your hearts

**We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give him thanks and praise**

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**Heaven and Earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your abundant and great mercies.**

**We are not even worthy  
to gather up the crumbs under your table.**

**But you are the same Lord,  
who delights in showing mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat this bread and drink this wine  
that our bodies and souls  
may be cleansed by Christ's body and blood  
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
in your tender mercy you gave your only son Jesus Christ  
to suffer death on the cross for our redemption;  
he made there a full atonement for the sins of the whole world,  
offering once-and-for-all his one sacrifice of himself;

he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue,  
a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.  
Hear us merciful Father, we humbly pray,  
and grant that we who receive these gifts of your creation,  
this bread and this wine,  
according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution,  
in remembrance of the death that he suffered,  
may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;  
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.'  
**Amen.**

*The bread will be brought to everyone. Please remain seated and we will eat together. If you require a gluten-free option, please identify yourself to the serving steward.*

## PRAYER after COMMUNION

Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us spiritually  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out into the world  
in the power of your Spirit,  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory. Amen.

## HYMN In Christ Alone

*Words and music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend*

# THE SENDING OUT

*The Bishop 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.

**Amen.**

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

**Amen.**

May 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 upon you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

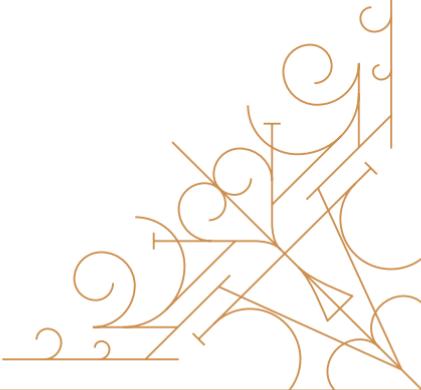
**Thanks be to God.**

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