Westminster Abbey



EUCHARIST

with the Ordination and Consecration of

THE VENERABLE KAREN MARISA GORHAM to be Bishop of Sherborne in the Diocese of Salisbury and

THE REVEREND CANON MICHAEL ROBERT HARRISON to be Bishop of Dunwich in the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich by

The Archbishop of Canterbury and other bishops



The Feast of St Matthias the Apostle
Wednesday 24th February 2016
11.00 am

THE CONSECRATION AND ORDINATION OF A BISHOP

Although the New Testament and other early Christian writings do not provide any details of the process by which Christian ministers were chosen and commissioned, what evidence there is suggests that, within the first few centuries, election by the local Christian community, followed by prayer, accompanied by the laying on of hands, emerged as the fundamental elements of the act of ordination: the community chose those who were to be ministers and then prayed that God would equip them with the gifts needed to fulfil that particular ministry.

In this morning's ordination service the gathered assembly affirms that the candidates have been chosen for a specific ministry within the Church; this is followed by the invocation of the Holy Spirit and the laying on of hands. Karen and Mike will be anointed with sacred oil—signifying their role of leadership within the royal priesthood of Christ's people; they will receive a copy of the Holy Scriptures—both to remind them of their duty to proclaim the Gospel and of the centrality of God's Word; and they will receive their Pastoral Staffs—symbolising their sharing in the ministry of Christ the Good Shepherd.

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ST MATTHIAS

Matthias was unique among the apostles, being the only one to have been elected. Though there is no mention of him in the Gospels, The Acts of the Apostles tells us that after the Ascension of Our Lord, the believers of Jesus Christ gathered in Jerusalem to elect a replacement for Judas Iscariot, who had committed suicide after his betrayal of Jesus. After selecting two candidates—Matthias and Joseph called Barsabbas—they prayed for the Holy Spirit to guide their choice, saying, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' (Acts 1: 24–25) They drew lots and elected Matthias.

He travelled with the other eleven disciples of Jesus, and was present at the moment of the Pentecost. Matthias is not mentioned again in Acts, but various accounts detail his ministry in central Anatolia, and possibly in North Africa. Stories also differ about his final days, though tradition has it that he suffered martyrdom by stoning in Jerusalem.

Matthias's story demonstrates a truth which Clement of Alexandria observed:

They were not apostles because of some peculiarity of their nature...they were apostles because they were called to be by he who sees all things. Matthias, who was not chosen among them at first, proved himself worthy to be called an apostle of Jesus Christ.

THE VENERABLE KAREN GORHAM



Karen grew up in Billericay, Essex, where her family were part of an Anglican church with 'every member ministry' at its heart. From a young age, service to the church as a response to God's great love has been an essential part of her life.

On leaving school, Karen began working in London first with BTEC, and then the RSA. Six years later, it came as a surprise, but something of a relief, to give up

commuting when she was offered a post at Christ Church, Billericay, utilising her administrative skills—the start of full-time Christian ministry, which soon developed into a call to ordination.

God beckoned Karen to East Hull next, where she spent a challenging and transformative two years experiencing more of the breadth, mystery and grace of Christ. A late learner, Karen relished three years studying at Trinity College, Bristol, before undertaking her curacy in Northallerton, where she further sampled the warmth and hospitality of Yorkshire.

Eight years in the Canterbury diocese followed, with Karen combining serving and developing ministry at St Paul's, Maidstone, with work as Area Dean, an Assistant Director of Ordinands, on Bishop's Council, and her first experience of General Synod.

Never having overseen a churchyard obviously ruled Karen out of being an archdeacon, but again God had other plans. Since 2007, as Archdeacon of Buckingham, she has been able to combine her passion for the local Church with developing strategies for mission and ministry, while relishing any opportunity to encourage individuals in faith and service, and local Christians in their witness to the love of God.

The Celtic rhythm of holy living, evangelical passion, and following the way of Christ through open hospitality and friendship have shaped Karen's journey so far. She is delighted that friends at this service represent every stage of her life and ministry. Her pectoral cross, a gift from the Buckingham archdeaconry, is based upon the cross of straw woven by St Brigid of Kildare to explain the Christian story in a way others could understand. With God's help, it is Karen's desire to go on telling that same story for years to come.

Please pray for Karen as she begins her new ministry.

THE REVEREND CANON MIKE HARRISON



From an early age, Mike was privileged to witness particular Christians around him whose lives sang to him of Jesus' beauty and goodness, lives led in ways which spoke to him as being both true and compelling. His Christian commitment gradually grew while at

university when studying mathematics, not least through the example of Christian friends, the draw of contemplative prayer, inspiring worship, challenging preaching and robust intellectual debate.

After University, Mike spent a formative period at St Paul's Church, Deptford, in London, exploring different options during the charismatic incumbency of Fr David Diamond; Mike worked as a lay-worker for the church, as a management consultant in the city, and as an unqualified social worker for Lewisham Borough Social Services. Following a decision to test a vocation to ordained ministry, Mike trained at Ripon College, Cuddesdon, and then at Union Theological Seminary, New York (where he studied the relationship between psychotherapy and theology).

Mike served his curacy in the inner-city London parish of St Anne and All Saints, South Lambeth, a highlight of which was refereeing football games between MPs and homeless men from the nearby Bondway hostel. During this time, he also studied for a PhD in Christian doctrine under Prof Colin Gunton at Kings' College London. Mike then served as Chaplain to the University of Bradford and Bradford and Ilkley Community College, where an interfaith soup kitchen and fairtrade café thrived in the Chaplaincy. From 1998 until 2006 Mike was vicar of Holy Trinity, Eltham, set in suburban South London. Since 2006 Mike has been Director of Mission and Ministry in Leicester Diocese.

Mike is passionate about enabling the people of God to recognise and respond to the God of Jesus Christ already present and active in the world and in our lives. He is married to Rachel, an Occupational Therapist and they are blessed with four children aged 13–21. His episcopal ring has these words inscribed in it; "So it depends not on our will or exertion, but on God's mercy", Romans 9:16, a verse first brought to Mike's attention in 1989 by a South Korean Christian in great difficulties.

Please pray for Mike as he begins his new ministry.

Please join in singing the hymns and in saying the words printed in **bold** type.

The church is served by a hearing loop. Users should turn their hearing aid to the setting marked T.

Members of the congregation are kindly requested to refrain from using private cameras, video, or sound recording equipment. Please ensure that mobile phones, pagers, and other electronic devices are switched off.

In the Jerusalem Chamber before the service, the Bishops-designate of Sherborne and Dunwich take the Oath of Allegiance to The Queen's Majesty and the Oath of Due Obedience to the Archbishop of Canterbury, tendered to them by the Principal Registrar.

The president is The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury.

The service is sung by the Westminster Abbey Special Service Choir, conducted by James O'Donnell, Organist and Master of the Choristers.

The organ is played by Daniel Cook, Sub-Organist.

The setting is Missa Brevis by Jonathan Dove (b 1959).

The Ecclesiastical Procession of Readers and Clergy of the Church of England and Representatives of other Churches moves to the South Transept. All remain seated.

Music before the service:

Matthew Jorysz, Assistant Organist, plays:

Sonata in A Op 65 no 3 Felix Mendelssohn (1809–47)

Allein Gott in der Höh sei BWV 663

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

Cathédrales Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

from Pièces de Fantaisie Op 55

Dies sind die heilgen zehn Gebot BWV 678

Johann Sebastian Bach

ORDER OF SERVICE

All stand to sing

THE HYMN



Light's abode, celestial Salem, vision dear whence peace doth spring, brighter than the heart can fancy, mansion of the highest King; O, how glorious are the praises which of thee the prophets sing!

There for ever and for ever hymns of praise to thee outpour; for unending, for unbroken is the feast-day of the Lord; all is pure and all is holy that within thy walls is stored.

There no cloud nor passing vapour dims the brightness of the air; endless noon-day, glorious noon-day, from the Sun of suns is there; there no night brings rest from labour, there unknown are toil and care.

O how glorious and resplendent, fragile body, shalt thou be, when endued with so much beauty, full of health, and strong, and free, full of vigour, full of pleasure that shall last eternally! Now with gladness, now with courage, bear the burden on thee laid, that hereafter these thy labours may with endless gifts be paid, and in everlasting glory thou with joy may'st be arrayed.

Laud and honour to the Father, laud and honour to the Son, laud and honour to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One, consubstantial, co-eternal, while unending ages run. Amen.

Westminster Abbey 205 NEH Henry Purcell (1659–95), Organist of Westminster Abbey 1679–95 ${\it Jerus alem \ luminosa} \ 15^{th} \ century \\ translated \ by \ John \ Mason \ Neale \ (1818-66)$

THE PROCESSION OF THE DEAN AND CHAPTERS OF ST EDMUNDSBURY, LEICESTER, SALISBURY AND OXFORD

THE PROCESSION OF THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST PETER IN WESTMINSTER

Beadle

The Special Service Choir of Westminster Abbey

The Cross and Lights of Westminster

The Priests Vicar of Westminster Abbey

The Minor Canons of Westminster

Canons' Verger

The Canons of Westminster and The Preacher

Dean's Verger

The Dean of Westminster

THE PROCESSION OF THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

Ostiarius

The Prolocutor of the Lower House of the Convocation of Canterbury

The Registrar of the Convocation of Canterbury

The Bishops-designate of Sherborne and Dunwich together with the Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, the acting Bishop of Leicester, and the acting Bishop of Oxford

The College of Bishops together with visiting Bishops of Churches in Communion

The Bishop of Salisbury The Bishop of London

The Principal Registrar

The Deacons

The Primatial Cross of Canterbury

The Archbishop of Canterbury

THE GREETING

The Archbishop greets the people:

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

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 dwellingplace 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.

As we stand together before God, and trusting in his grace alone, let us join together in confessing our sins.

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 Archbishop 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.**

THE PRESENTATION

The ordinands are presented by the Bishops of Salisbury and St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, and the acting Bishops of Leicester and Oxford.

Reverend Father in God, Karen Gorham has been chosen to be Bishop of Sherborne in the Diocese of Salisbury.

Reverend Father in God, Mike Harrison has been chosen to be Bishop of Dunwich in the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

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.

Addressing the ordinands, the Archbishop says:

Karen and Mike, 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 Provincial Registrar reads the Royal Mandate.

The Archbishop says:

Karen and Mike, you have taken the oath of allegiance to the Sovereign and the oath of due obedience. You are now required to make the Declaration of Assent. The Archbishop then 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, Karen Marisa Gorham; I, Michael Robert Harrison, 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.

All sit after the opening phrase as the choir sings

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

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 caelestis, 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 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to his people.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesu Christ, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us; who takes away the sin of the world, receive our prayer; who is seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesu Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

All stand. The Archbishop introduces a period of silent prayer, saying:

Let us pray for Karen and Mike, and for the ministry of the whole people of God.

Silence is kept.

THE COLLECT

ALMIGHTY God, who in the place of the traitor Judas chose your faithful servant Matthias to be of the number of the Twelve: preserve your Church from false apostles and, by the ministry of faithful pastors and teachers, keep us steadfast in your truth; 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.

The Liturgy of the Word

All sit. Sharon Suresh Kumar reads

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

THUS says the Lord God of hosts: Come, go to this steward, to Shebna, who is master of the household, and say to him: What right do you have here? Who are your relatives here, that you have cut out a tomb here for yourself, cutting a tomb on the height, and carving a habitation for yourself in the rock? The Lord is about to hurl you away violently, my man. He will seize firm hold of you, whirl you round and round, and throw you like a ball into a wide land; there you shall die, and there your splendid chariots shall lie, O you disgrace to your master's house! I will thrust you from your office, and you will be pulled down from your post.

On that day I will call my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah, and will clothe him with your robe and bind your sash on him. I will commit your authority to his hand, and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David; he shall open, and no one shall shut; he shall shut, and no one shall open. I will fasten him like a peg in a secure place, and he will become a throne of honour to his ancestral house. And they will hang on him the whole weight of his ancestral house, the offspring and issue, every small vessel, from the cups to all the flagons. On that day, says the Lord of hosts, the peg that was fastened in a secure place will give way; it will be cut down and fall, and the load that was on it will perish, for the Lord has spoken.

Isaiah 22: 15-end

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All remain seated. The Choir sings

PSALM 15

Antiphon: Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle, who may rest upon your holy hill?

IORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?: Who may rest upon your holy hill?

Whoever leads an uncorrupt life: and does the thing that is right; who speaks the truth from the heart: and bears no deceit on the tongue; who does no evil to a friend: and pours no scorn on a neighbour; in whose sight the wicked are not esteemed: but who honours those who fear the Lord.

Whoever has sworn to a neighbour: and never goes back on that word; who does not lend money in hope of gain: nor takes a bribe against the innocent:

whoever does these things: shall never fall.

plainsong

All remain seated. The Venerable Martin Gorick, Archdeacon of Oxford, reads

THE EPISTLE

THE disciples returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.' (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their language Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) 'For it is written in the book of Psalms, "Let his homestead become desolate, and let there be no one to live in it"; and "Let another take his position of overseer."

So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Acts 1: 12–26

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE PROCESSION OF THE GOSPEL

Choir: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.



Choir: I do not call you servants but friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

St John 15: 15

All: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Reverend Jane Sinclair, Canon Steward, proclaims

THE GOSPEL

The Lord be with you and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, 'the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete'.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

St John 15: 9-17

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

by

Canon Dr Paula Gooder Theologian in Residence, The Bible Society

All stand to say

THE CREED

WE believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

the only Son of God,

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

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.

The Liturgy of Ordination

All sit for

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:

Karen and Mike, we trust that you have weighed and pondered all this, and that you are now fully determined to devote yourself 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.

All stand. The ordinands turn to face the congregation.

Brothers and sisters, you have heard how great is the charge that Karen and Mike 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 congregation remains standing.

The ordinands turn to face the Archbishop, who continues:

Karen and Mike, 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.

All kneel or sit.

The ordinands kneel and the College of Bishops remains standing with the Archbishop.

THE HYMN



The Deacon: Come Holy Ghost our souls inspire,

All: 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.

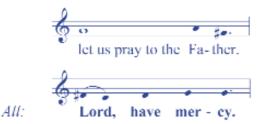
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John Cosin (1594–1672) after Veni, Creator Spiritus

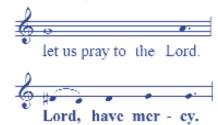
THE LITANY

The Deacon sings:

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,



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.

All:

For Justin 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 Karen and Mike, 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.

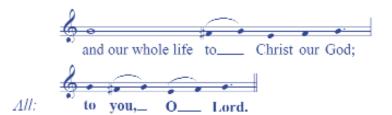
For Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

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 all who have gone before us in faith, and in communion with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Peter, St Edward the Confessor, St Matthias, and all the saints, we commit ourselves, one another,



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THE ORDINATION PRAYER

The ordinands continue to kneel before the Archbishop:

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 bishops 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:

The Archbishop and other bishops lay their hands on the head of each ordinand, and the Archbishop says:

Send down the Holy Spirit on your servant Karen, for the office and work of a bishop in your Church.

Send down the Holy Spirit on your servant Mike, 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 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.

All sit for

THE GIVING OF THE BIBLE

The newly ordained bishops stand and the Archbishop gives 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 Archbishop anoints the heads of the newly ordained bishops, saying to each:

May God, who anointed 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.

The Archbishop gives the newly ordained bishops their pectoral crosses and their episcopal rings as the Choir sings:

IF ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may bide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth.

Thomas Tallis (c 1505-85)

St John 14: 15-17a

All stand for

THE WELCOME

The newly ordained bishops turn to face the people. The Bishop of London, Dean of the Province of Canterbury, says:

GUARD the truth that has been entrusted to you by the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

We welcome you as a shepherd of Christ's flock. Build up the Church in unity and love, that the world may believe.

The congregation welcomes the newly ordained bishops.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

THE PEACE

The Archbishop says:

GOD was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, not counting our trespasses against us and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5: 19

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

All may exchange a sign of peace.

All sing



THERE'S a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven; there is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

But we make his love too narrow by false limits of our own; and we magnify his strictness with a zeal he will not own.

There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.

There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this; there is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more simple, we should take him at his word; and our lives would be all gladness in the joy of Christ our Lord.

Corvedale 598i CP Maurice Bevan (1921–2006) 461 NEH Frederick Faber (1814–63)

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Archbishop says:

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.

The Archbishop continues the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Choir sings:

ANCTUS, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth, pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua: Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini: Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory: Hosanna in the highest.

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

All remain standing. The Archbishop continues the Eucharistic Prayer.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

The Archbishop continues the Eucharistic Prayer, at the end of which all say: Amen.

The Archbishop introduces

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

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.

All remain standing for

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Archbishop breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

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.

The Archbishop says:

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

The Archbishop and other ministers begin

THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

Those wishing to receive Communion come forward as directed by the Stewards. If you receive Communion in your own church you are welcome to do so here. Those who do not wish to receive Communion are invited to come for a blessing. Please carry this booklet with you to indicate to the priest that you want a blessing.

The minister says to each communicant:

The Body of Christ. **Amen**. The Blood of Christ. **Amen**.

The Choir sings:

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world; grant us your peace.

THE HYMN



I CANNOT tell why he, whom angels worship, should stoop to love the peoples of the earth, or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the wand'rers, with his mysterious promise of new birth. but this I know, that he was born of Mary, when Bethl'hem's manger was his only home, and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured, and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.

I cannot tell how silently he suffered, as with his peace he graced this place of tears, or how his heart upon the Cross was broken, the crown of pain to three and thirty years. but this I know, he heals the broken-hearted, and stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear, and lifts the burden from the heavy laden, for yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.

I cannot tell how he will win the nations, how he will claim his earthly heritage, how satisfy the needs and aspirations of east and west, of sinner and of sage. but this I know, all flesh shall see his glory, and he shall reap the harvest he has sown, and some glad day his sun shall shine in splendour when he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship, when, at his bidding, every storm is stilled, or who can say how great the jubilation when every heart with perfect love is filled. but this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture, and myriad, myriad human voices sing, and earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer: at last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King.

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William Young Fullerton (1857–1932)

The Choir sings:

THIS is the day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.

O praise the Lord of heav'n: praise him in the height.

Praise him, all ye angels of his: praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars and light.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee: to keep thee in all thy ways. The Lord himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand:

so that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in: from this time forth for evermore.

He shall defend thee under his wings.

Be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart, and put thou thy trust in the Lord.

John Rutter (b 1945)

Psalms 118: 24; 148: 1–3, 5a; 91: 4a, 11; 121: 5–8; 27: 16b

this HYMN may be sung



BE still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here. Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear. In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the Spirit of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around; he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.

How awesome is the sight

How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place, he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.

No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him;

be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Be still 383 CP David Evans (b 1957) David Evans

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand when the Archbishop stands.

The Archbishop introduces a short period of silent prayer:

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

ALMIGHTY God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth, and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All remain standing to sing

THE HYMN

during which the Bishops of Sherborne and Dunwich, together with the Bishops and other representative clergy of the Dioceses of Salisbury and St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, move to stand in front of the Archbishop.



CHRIST triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name!

Word incarnate, truth revealing, Son of Man on earth! power and majesty concealing by your humble birth:

Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated, victim crucified! death is through the cross defeated, sinners justified:

Priestly king, enthroned for ever high in heaven above! sin and death and hell shall never stifle hymns of love: So, our hearts and voices raising through the ages long, ceaselessly upon you gazing, this shall be our song:

Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name!

Guiting Power 398 CP John Barnard (b 1948) Michael Saward (1932–2015)

THE SENDING OUT

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.**

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

May Christ, the Good Shepherd, enfold you with love, fill you with peace, and lead you in hope, to the end of your days. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, the comforter, lead you into all truth, and give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. **Amen.**

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

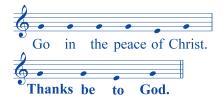
The Archbishop invites the Bishops of Salisbury and St Edmundsbury and Ipswich to assist him in giving the newly ordained bishops their pastoral staffs, saying:

Keep watch over the whole flock in which the Holy Spirit has appointed you shepherds.

Encourage the faithful, restore the lost, build up the Body of Christ.

The Bishop of Sherborne moves to stand with the Bishop and other representatives of the Diocese of Salisbury, and the Bishop of Dunwich moves to stand with the Bishop and other representatives of the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

The Deacon sings:



All remain standing as the Archbishop, together with the Bishops of Sherborne and Dunwich, and the Bishops and other visiting clergy of the Dioceses of Salisbury, St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, Oxford, and Leicester, moves to the west end.

All remain standing as the Ecclesiastical Procession of Readers and Clergy of the Church of England and Representatives of other Churches moves to the Chapter House.

Music after the service:

Prelude and Fugue in E flat BWV 552

Johann Sebastian Bach

Members of the congregation are requested to remain in their places until invited to move by the Stewards.

The bells of the Abbey church are rung.

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