



The Church of England

Diocese of Ely

CHRISM EUCHARIST

The Affirmation of Ministries
and the
Blessing of the Oils

Maundy Thursday

18 April 2019
10.30am

President and Preacher : The Bishop

When the bell rings, please stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied -
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine -
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Words and Music: SP 286 Stuart Townend b. 1963 and Keith Getty b. 1974

THE GREETING

Bishop Jesus Christ has made us a kingdom of priests
to serve his God and Father.
Glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.

Grace, mercy and peace be with you
and also with you.

The Bishop welcomes the people and introduces the service

ACT OF PENANCE

Deacon 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 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 *sung by all. Please stand*

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

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

COLLECT

Bishop Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, who 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 his victory
 may bear witness to the gospel of salvation;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please sit

NEW TESTAMENT READING
Isaiah 61.1-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion – to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines; but you shall be called priests of the LORD, you shall be named ministers of our God; you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations, and in their riches you shall glory. Because their shame was double, and dishonour was proclaimed as their lot, therefore they shall possess a double portion; everlasting joy shall be theirs. For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand



- 1
 Will you come and follow me,
 If I but call your name?
 Will you go where you don't know
 And never be the same?
 Will you let my love be shown,
 Will you let my love be known,
 Will you let my life be grown
 In you and you in me?
- 2
 Will you leave yourself behind
 If I but call your name?
 Will you care for cruel and kind
 And never be the same?
 Will you risk the hostile stare
 Should your life attract or scare?
 Will you let me answer prayer
 In you and you in me?
- 3
 Will you let the blinded see
 If I but call your name?
 Will you set the prisoners free
 And never be the same?
 Will you kiss the leper clean,
 And do such as this unseen,
 And admit to what I mean
 In you and you in me?
- 4
 Will you love the 'you' you hide
 If I but call your name?
 Will you quell the fear inside
 And never be the same?
 Will you use the faith you've found
 To reshape the world around,
 Through my sight and touch and sound
 In you and you in me?
- 5
 Lord, your summons echoes true
 When you but call my name.
 Let me turn and follow you
 And never be the same.
 In your company I'll go
 Where your love and footsteps show.
 Thus I'll move and live and grow
 In you and you in me.

Words: John Bell b.1949 and Graham Maule b.1958
 Music: *Kelvingrove* A&M 510 Scottish traditional melody arr. John L. Bell

1
O Jesus I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
Be thou for ever near me,
My Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If thou wilt be my guide.

2
O let me hear thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou guardian of my soul.

3
O Jesus thou hast promised
To all who follow thee,
That where thou art in glory
There shall thy servant be;
And Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my Friend.

4
O let me see thy footmarks,
And in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly
Is in thy strength alone;
O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in heaven receive me,
My Saviour and my Friend.

Words: John Bode 1816-74
Music: *Wolvercote* NEH 420 William H. Ferguson 1874-1950

THE RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT TO MINISTRY

The Bishop invites all present to reaffirm their commitment to Christ

Bishop 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.

A lay 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.

The lay person addresses the bishops and 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.

The lay person addresses the deacons, priests and bishops

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 lay person addresses the lay ministers

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.

Lay
Ministers

The lay 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 lay person addresses the 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.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

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 they may be faithful to the great trust that has been handed to them. Pray that they 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 us.

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

Bishop

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.

Deacon

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The peace is shared

Please remain standing

THE BLESSING OF THE OILS

HYMN

At the end of the hymn the oils are brought forward



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| 1
Redeemer, Lord, your praise we sing,
And magnify your holy name;
Your gift of oil to you we bring,
To us your saving power proclaim! | 4
From those baptised, let Satan flee,
His evil malice be undone,
Signed with the cross, the oil shall be
A symbol of the war begun. |
| 2
The sun in splendour warmed the ground
That nourishes the olive tree;
Whose laden branches all around
Give oil for our infirmity. | 5
In every service, every task,
May your anointing warm our soul;
That by your Spirit, as we ask,
The sign of oil shall make us whole. |
| 3
So now this oil be richly blessed,
To us and all who feel its power,
And may your name, in faith confessed,
Bring healing in a needful hour. | 6
Then let this time of vows renewed
Recall the Lord who died to save;
And at his table, heaven's food
Proclaim his empty cross and grave. |

Words: SP 55 Michael Seward b. 1932
Music: *Bow Brickhill* NEH 94 S H Nicholson 1875-1947

PRAYER OVER THE OILS

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

The oil for the anointing of the sick and dying is presented

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.

The oil for the signing with the cross at baptism is presented

Bishop

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.

The oil of chrism is presented

Bishop

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.

OFFERTORY HYMN



1
 My song is love unknown,
 My Saviour's love to me,
 Love to the loveless shown,
 That they might lovely be.
 O, who am I,
 That for my sake
 My Lord should take
 Frail flesh, and die?

2
 He came from his blest throne,
 Salvation to bestow:
 But men made strange, and none
 The longed-for Christ would know.
 But O, my Friend,
 My Friend indeed,
 Who at my need
 His life did spend!

5
 Here might I stay and sing,
 No story so divine;
 Never was love, dear King,
 Never was grief like thine!
 This is my Friend,
 In whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 Could gladly spend.

3
 Sometimes they strew his way,
 And his sweet praises sing;
 Resounding all the day
 Hosannas to their King.
 Then 'Crucify!'
 Is all their breath
 And for his death
 They thirst and cry.

4
 They rise, and needs will have
 My dear Lord made away;
 A murderer they save,
 The Prince of Life they slay.
 Yet cheerful he
 To suffering goes,
 That he his foes
 From thence might free.

Words: Samuel Crossman 1624-83
 Music: *Love Unknown* NEH 86 John Ireland 1879-1962

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Pour upon the poverty of our love
and the weakness of our praise
the transforming fire of your presence.

Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Bishop

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

All sing

(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, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please sit or kneel

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his 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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
 we remember his offering of himself
 made once for all upon the cross;
 we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
 we look for the coming of your kingdom,
 and with this bread and this cup
 we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith

(Organ) Christ has died: Christ is ri - sen:
 Christ will come a - gain.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
 this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
 and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
 in the presence of your divine majesty,
 renew us by your Spirit,
 inspire us with your love
 and unite us in the body of your Son,
 Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
 we worship you, Father almighty,
 in songs of everlasting praise:

(Organ) Bles-sing and hon-our and glo - ry and power be
yours for___ ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bishop Being made one in the power of the Spirit,
let us pray 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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Bishop breaks the consecrated 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.**

AGNUS DEI *all sing*

(Organ) Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, Lamb of
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
God,
world, grant us peace. (Organ)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Bishop 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 Bishop and people receive the Communion. Communicant members of all Christian churches are welcome to receive the Communion. The practice at the Cathedral is to receive the wafer in the hand; if you are concerned about drinking from the common cup, please take the wafer only – please do not dip your wafer in the cup. The Church believes that the fullness of God’s grace is given when only one of the two elements of Holy Communion is received.

If you do not wish to receive communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing. Please hold this service book in your hands as an indication to the ministers. Gluten free wafers are available on request.

At the distribution the minister says to each communicant

The body of Christ or The blood of Christ

The communicant responds **Amen**, and then receives.

COMMUNION HYMNS *sung seated*



1
Sweet Sacrament divine,
Hid in thine earthly home,
Lo, round thy lowly shrine,
With suppliant hearts we come;
Jesu, to thee our voice we raise
In songs of love and heartfelt praise:
Sweet Sacrament divine.

2
Sweet Sacrament of peace,
Dear home for every heart,
Where restless yearnings cease
And sorrows all depart;
There in thine ear all trustfully
We tell our tale of misery:
Sweet Sacrament of peace.

3
Sweet Sacrament of rest,
Ark from the ocean's roar,
Within thy shelter blest
Soon may we reach the shore;
Save us, for still the tempest raves,
Save, lest we sink beneath the waves:
Sweet Sacrament of rest.

4
Sweet Sacrament divine,
Earth's light and jubilee,
In thy far depths doth shine
The Godhead's majesty;
Sweet light so shine on us, we pray
That earthly joys may fade away:
Sweet Sacrament divine.

Words and Music: *Divine Mysteries* NEH 307 Francis Stanfield 1835-1914



1
 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
 He makes me lie in pastures green.
 He leads me by the still, still waters,
 His goodness restores my soul.

2
 He guides my ways in righteousness,
 And he anoints my head with oil,
 And my cup, it overflows with joy,
 I feast on his pure delights.

*And I will trust in you alone,
 And I will trust in you alone,
 For your endless mercy follows me,
 Your goodness will lead me home.*

3
 And though I walk the darkest path,
 I will not fear the evil one,
 For you are with me, and your rod and staff
 Are the comfort I need to know.

Words: Stuart Townend b. 1963 based on Psalm 23
 Music: SP 314 Stuart Townend

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION *Please stand*

Bishop 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

During the hymn the ministers anoint each other at the dais



1
All my hope on God is founded;
He doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he
guideth,
Only good and only true.
God unknown,
He alone
Calls my heart to be his own.

2
Pride of man and earthly glory,
Sword and crown betray his trust;
What with care and toil he buildeth,
Tower and temple, fall to dust
But God's power,
Hour by hour,
Is my temple and my tower.

3
God's great goodness aye endureth,
Deep his wisdom, passing thought:
Splendour, light and life attend him,
Beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
From his store
New-born worlds rise and adore.

4
Daily doth th'Almighty giver
Bounteous gifts on us bestow;
His desire our soul delighteth,
Pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
At his hand;
Joy doth wait on his command.

5

Still from man to God eternal
Sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising
For the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
One and all:
Ye who follow shall not fall.

Words: Robert Bridges 1844-1930

Music: *Michael* NEH 333 Herbert Howells 1892-1983

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

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

Bishop Blessed be the name of the Lord
now and for ever. Amen.

Bishop 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 upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



*As the organ voluntary is played the ministers move to the presbytery.
Any who wish to be anointed are invited to go there after the service.*

Refreshments are served at the West End of the Cathedral after the service.

