

# Westminster Abbey



EUCCHARIST  
with the Ordination and Consecration  
of  
The Reverend Canon Martin Seeley  
to be Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich  
and  
The Reverend Canon Michael Beasley  
to be Bishop of Hertford in the Diocese of St Albans  
by the Archbishop of Canterbury  
and other bishops



*The Feast of the Ascension of our Lord*  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015  
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. Martin and Michael 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.

*adapted from Common Worship Ordination Services, Archbishops' Council 2007*

## ASCENSION DAY

The Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ has been celebrated on the fortieth day after Easter since early Christian times, some fifth-century authors claiming that in their day it was already of ancient custom. It commemorates the narrative, found in today's readings from The Acts of the Apostles and from the Gospel of St Luke, of the risen Christ's ascent into heaven in the sight of his disciples. It is in The Acts of the Apostles that the event is described as being forty days after the Resurrection.

The theological significance of this observance is that, whereas in his risen person before the Ascension our Lord was present with his disciples only at particular times and places, afterwards he 'ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things' (Ephesians 4: 10) seated at the right hand of the Father.

## THE REVEREND CANON MICHAEL BEESLEY

Michael grew up in rural North Staffordshire and, after school, read biology at Imperial College, London. Undecided as to whether to follow a life in Christian ministry or academic research, he was encouraged to try both, spending time as a parish assistant in Liverpool and then undertaking medical research among children living in Tanzania. A life in ministry seemed to beckon, taking him to theological college in Durham where he met Lizzie, to whom he has now been married for ten years. Michael and Lizzie are the parents of Charlie, who is three, and Connie, who is almost two. After Durham, Michael ministered first as a curate in Shropshire, and then at Westcott House, Cambridge. He combined these roles with work for the Partnership for Child Development, an organisation based at Imperial College that seeks to improve the health and education of children in low income countries.



In 2010, Michael hung up his tropical kit and became full-time Director of Mission in the Diocese of Oxford, where he has worked alongside colleagues in parishes and deaneries to develop activity in mission, ministry, and social responsibility. He is enormously grateful to everyone in the Abbey today who has prepared him for his new role: his family; friends from childhood, his home village, and its pub; his cub, scout, and Sunday school leaders; friends and teachers from school and college days; clergy and members of churches in which he has worshipped and served over the years; friends and colleagues from theological education and diocesan life; people with whom he has played, acted, sung, and walked in the mountains; friends and colleagues with whom he has lived, travelled and worked in Africa; his godchildren; people who have taught him to cook, garden and keep bees; and anyone who has somehow escaped falling into any of these categories! Thank you for coming!

## THE REVEREND CANON MARTIN SEELEY

Each step for Martin has been a surprise. He remembers the first in September 1969, when he was fifteen, and Alan Bennett, the parish curate, asked him out of the blue if he had considered ordination. In that moment, Martin realised he had, but had been afraid to admit it even to himself. Reading geography and then theology at Jesus College, Cambridge, a year



at Ripon College, Cuddesdon, and then Union Seminary in New York, followed. He served curacies in Scunthorpe and in New York, and it was there that his engagement with theological and continuing education started. He moved to St Louis, Missouri, to run an ecumenical continuing education institution. This was his first experience of organisational leadership. He then went to London to work for the Advisory Council for the Church's Ministry.

The next move was to be Vicar of the Isle of Dogs. He realised what others know only too well: that God's call to each new context is as much to do with God's work of salvation in us as it is about God's work of salvation in those we are called to serve. He learned on the Isle of Dogs that Christian community, being Christ's body, is the heart of Christian life and mission. After ten extraordinary years he was called to be Principal of Westcott House, Cambridge, and to the intensification of Christian life and the deep transformation which God works in such intentional communities. In the rich diversity of Westcott House, and the rigorous life of prayer, theological learning and practice, he witnessed men and women responding to God's grace and becoming more fully the people God is calling them to be. This shaped him as much as it has ordinands and other staff of Westcott House, and enabled him to continue to learn to trust God more completely, and to trust God's trust of him. Thus he approaches this, the latest surprise.

**Please pray for these candidates as they begin their new ministries.**

*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 St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, and Hertford 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 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.*

*Setting: William Mathias (1934–92) Missa Brevis*

*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:*

*Martin Ford, Assistant Organist, plays:*

Sonata II Op 65 *Felix Mendelssohn (1809–47)*

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr BWV 663 *Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685–1750)*

Cathédrales *Louis Vierne (1870–1937)*

*from Pièces de Fantaisie Op 55*

Komm, Heiliger Geist, *Dieterich Buxtehude (1637–1707)*

Herre Gott BUXWV 199

Prière du Christ montant vers son Père *Olivier Messiaen (1908–92)*

*from L'Ascension*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### The Gathering and Presentation

*All stand to sing*

#### THE HYMN



**H**AIL the day that sees him rise Alleluia!  
glorious to his native skies; Alleluia!  
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!  
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!

There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluia!  
lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!  
Christ hath vanquished death and sin; Alleluia!  
take the King of glory in. Alleluia!

See! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia!  
yet he loves the earth he leaves: Alleluia!  
though returning to his throne, Alleluia!  
still he calls mankind his own. Alleluia!

See! he lifts his hands above; Alleluia!  
see! he shows the prints of love: Alleluia!  
hark! his gracious lips bestow Alleluia!  
blessings on his Church below. Alleluia!

Still for us he intercedes; Alleluia!  
his prevailing death he pleads; Alleluia!  
near himself prepares our place, Alleluia!  
harbinger of human race. Alleluia!

Lord, though parted from our sight, Alleluia!  
far above yon azure height, Alleluia!  
grant our hearts may thither rise, Alleluia!  
seeking thee beyond the skies. Alleluia!

*Llanfair 130i NEH*  
*Robert Williams of Anglesey (1781–1821)*

*Charles Wesley (1707–88)*  
*and Thomas Cotterill (1779–1823)*

**The Procession of the Chapters  
of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich,  
St Albans, Ely, and Oxford**

**The Procession of the Collegiate Church  
of St Peter in Westminster**

The Cross of Westminster  
The Special Service Choir of Westminster Abbey  
The Organist and Master of the Choristers  
The Priests Vicar  
The Minor Canon and Chaplain of Westminster  
The Canons of Westminster  
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 St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, and Hertford  
together with the Presenters and the presenting Bishops

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

The Bishop of Winchester      The Bishop of London

The Principal Registrar

The Deacons

The Primate's 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. Amen.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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 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. 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.

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

**A**LMIGHTY 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:*

**A**LMIGHTY 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.

*All sit for*

#### THE PRESENTATION

*The ordinands are presented.*

Reverend Father in God, Martin Seeley has been chosen to be Bishop of  
St Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

Reverend Father in God, Michael Beasley has been chosen to be Bishop of  
Hertford in the Diocese of St Albans.

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:*

Martin and Michael, 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:*

Martin and Michael, 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, Martin Alan Seeley; I, Noel Michael Roy Beasley, 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.

*The Choir sings:*

**G**LORY be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*All stand.*

*The Archbishop introduces a period of silent prayer, saying:*

Let us pray for Martin and Michael, and for the ministry of the whole people of God.

*Silence is kept.*

#### THE COLLECT

**G**RANT, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we in heart and mind may also ascend and with him continually dwell; 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. Luke Brueck Seeley reads*

### THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

**A**S I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. I watched then because of the noise of the arrogant words that the horn was speaking. And as I watched, the beast was put to death, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

*Daniel 7: 9-14*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*All remain seated. The Choir sings*

### PSALM 47

*Antiphon:* God has gone up with a merry noise, the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.

**C**LAP your hands together, all you peoples; O sing to God with shouts of joy.

For the Lord Most High is to be feared; he is the great King over all the earth.

He subdued the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet.

He has chosen our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob, whom he loves.

God has gone up with a merry noise, the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.

O sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with all your skill.

God reigns over the nations; God has taken his seat upon his holy throne.

The nobles of the peoples are gathered together with the people of the God of Abraham.

For the powers of the earth belong to God and he is very highly exalted.

*plainsong*

*All remain seated. Donald Bundy reads*

## THE EPISTLE

**I**N the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. ‘This’, he said, ‘is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.’ So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’

*Acts 1: 1–11*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*All stand for*

## THE PROCESSION OF THE GOSPEL

*The Choir sings: Alleluia!*

*All sing:*



*The Choir sings:*

**G**O and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord. Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

*St Matthew 28: 19–20*

*All sing: Alleluia!*

*The Reverend Jane Sinclair, Canon in Residence, proclaims*

## THE GOSPEL

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

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

**J**ESUS said to his disciples, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.’ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

*St Luke 24: 44–end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## THE SERMON

*by*

The Right Reverend and Right Honourable  
The Lord Williams of Oystermouth

*All stand to say* THE CREED:

**W**E believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
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 baptize 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:*

Martin and Michael, 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 Martin and Michael 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:*

Martin and Michael, 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.*

*Silence is kept.*

All sing

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.

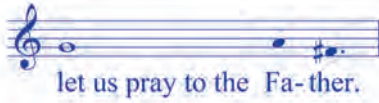
*Veni Creator (Mechlin) 138 NEH*

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

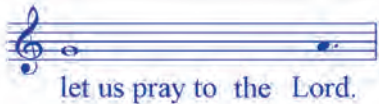
## THE LITANY

*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.**

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 Martin and Michael, 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.**

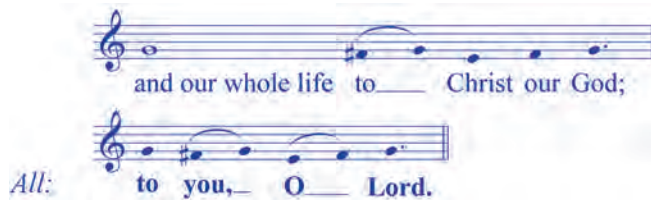
For Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**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 the Apostle, St Edward the Confessor, and all the saints, we commit ourselves, one another,



## THE ORDINATION PRAYER

*The ordinands continue to kneel before the Archbishop:*

**W**E 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:

*Here 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 Martin,  
for the office and work of a bishop in your Church.

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

*The Archbishop then 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 as 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 each 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:*

**M**AY 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 rings, as the Choir sings:*

**N**ON vos relinquam orphanos, Alleluia!  
vado et venio ad vos, Alleluia!  
et gaudebit cor vestrum. Alleluia!

*I will not leave you orphaned, Alleluia!  
I depart but I come to you, Alleluia!  
and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia!*

*William Byrd (c 1540–1623)  
Gradualia 1607*

*St John 14: 18; 16: 22*

*All stand for*

## THE WELCOME

*The newly ordained bishops turn to face the people, and 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 shepherds of Christ's flock. Build up the Church in unity and love, that the world may believe.**



# The Liturgy of the Eucharist

## THE PEACE

*The Archbishop says:*

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father'. Alleluia!

*St John 14: 27–28*

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

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

## PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

*All sing*

### THE HYMN



**H**OW shall I sing that majesty  
which angels do admire?  
Let dust in dust and silence lie;  
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.  
Thousands of thousands stand around  
thy throne, O God most high;  
ten thousand times ten thousand sound  
thy praise; but who am I?

Thy brightness unto them appears,  
whilst I thy footsteps trace;  
a sound of God comes to my ears,  
but they behold thy face.  
They sing because thou art their Sun;  
Lord, send a beam on me;  
for where heaven is but once begun  
there alleluias be.

Enlighten with faith's light my heart,  
in flame it with love's fire;  
then shall I sing and bear a part  
with that celestial choir.  
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,  
with all my fire and light;  
yet when thou dost accept their gold,  
Lord, treasure up my mite.

How great a being, Lord, is thine,  
which doth all beings keep!  
Thy knowledge is the only line  
to sound so vast a deep.  
Thou art a sea without a shore,  
a sun without a sphere;  
thy time is now and evermore,  
thy place is everywhere.

*Coe Fen 466 CP*  
*Ken Naylor (1931–91)*

*373 NEH*  
*John Mason (c 1646–94)*

## TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

*The Archbishop says:*

**H**EAVENLY Father, as we set before you these gifts of bread and wine,  
bless also the gift of our hearts and minds as we offer our lives in  
your service; for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*The Archbishop continues:*

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:*

**H**OLY, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy  
glory: glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.

Blessed is he that cometh 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:

**O**UR 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:*

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*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 are asking for a blessing.*

*The minister says to each communicant:*

The Body of Christ. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

*The Choir sings:*

**O** LAMB of God, that takest away the sins of the world; have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world; have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world; grant us thy peace.

*During Communion, all remain seated to sing*

THE HYMN



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.

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.

Sweet sacrament of rest,  
ark from the oceans' 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.

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

*Divine mysteries 307 NEH*  
*Francis Stanfield (1835–1914)*

*Francis Stanfield*

*The Choir sings:*

**G**OD is gone up with a triumphant shout:  
the Lord with sounding trumpets' melodies:  
sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praises out,  
unto our King sing praise seraphic-wise!  
Lift up your heads, ye lasting doors, they sing,  
and let the King of Glory enter in.

Methinks I see heaven's sparkling courtiers fly  
in flakes of glory down him to attend;  
and hear heart cramping notes of melody  
surround his chariot as it did ascend,  
mixing their music, making every string  
more to enravish, as they this tune sing.

*Gerald Finzi (1901–56)*

*Edward Taylor (c 1642–1729)*

*This HYMN may be sung*



CHRIST, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise,  
triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn  
unaccompanied by thee;  
joyless is the day's return,  
till thy mercy's beams I see;  
till they inward light impart,  
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,  
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, radiance divine,  
scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day.

*Ratisbon 234ii NEH  
Johann Gottlob Werner's Choralbuch Leipzig, 1815*

*Charles Wesley (1707–88)*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*All stand when the Archbishop stands.*

*The Archbishop introduces a short period of silent prayer:*

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

**G**OD our Father, you have raised our humanity in Christ and have fed us with the bread of heaven: mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings, we may set our hearts in the heavenly places; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*All remain standing to sing*

## THE HYMN

*during which the Bishops of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, and Hertford, together with the Bishops of St Albans and Bedford, the Dean and Chapters of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, and Hertford, and Archdeacons of the Dioceses, move to stand in front of the Archbishop*



**C**HRISt 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:

*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, 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.**


*The Archbishop, assisted by the Bishop of St Albans, gives 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 St Edmundsbury and Ipswich moves to stand with representatives of the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, and the Bishop of Hertford moves to stand with the Bishop and other representatives of the Diocese of St Albans.*

Deacon:  Go in the peace of Christ. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!\_\_\_

All:  Thanks be to God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!\_\_\_

*Music after the service:*

Tu es Petra  
from Esquisses byzantines

*Henri Mulet (1878–1967)*



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