

The Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist  
A Liturgy for Maundy Thursday  
1 April 2021

The Renewal of Ordination Vows  
The Blessing of Oils & Holy Communion

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## The Gathering of the Community

All stand. The bishop greets the community

**Bishop** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

**People** And also with you.

### Gathering Hymn

Great God, your love has called us here  
as we, by love, for love were made.  
Your living likeness still we bear,  
though marred, dishonored, disobeyed.  
We come, with all our heart and mind  
your call to hear, your love to find.

2. We come with self-inflicted pains  
of broken trust and chosen wrong,  
half-free, half-bound by inner chains,  
by social forces swept along,  
by powers and systems close confined,  
yet seeking hope for humankind.

3. Great God, in Christ you call our name  
and then receive us as your own,  
not through some merit, right or claim,  
but by your gracious love alone.

We strain to glimpse your mercy seat  
and find you kneeling at our feet.

4. Then take the towel, and break the bread,  
and humble us, and call us friends.  
Suffer and serve till all are fed,  
and show how grandly love intends  
to work till all creation sings,  
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

5. Great God, in Christ you set us free  
your life to live, your joy to share.  
Give us your Spirit's liberty  
to turn from guilt and dull despair  
and offer all that faith can do  
while love is making all things new.

The following prayer is be said.

**Bishop** Almighty God,  
**All** to you all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Trisagion

Holy God,  
holy and mighty,  
holy immortal one,  
have mercy upon us.

# The Collect of the Day

**Bishop** Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, you anointed your Son Jesus Christ  
with the Holy Spirit and with power  
to bring the good news 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,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.

## The Proclamation of the Word

### Readings

Isaiah 61.1–9

Psalm 89.19–29

James 5.13–16a or Revelation 1.4b–8

John 13.1-15

Psalm 89.19–29

19. You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people: \*  
    "I have set the crown upon a warrior  
    and have exalted one chosen out of the people.
20. I have found David my servant; \*  
    with my holy oil have I anointed him.
21. My hand will hold him fast \*  
    and my arm will make him strong.
22. No enemy shall deceive him, \*  
    nor any wicked man bring him down.
23. I will crush his foes before him \*  
    and strike down those who hate him.

24. My faithfulness and love shall be with him, \*  
and he shall be victorious through my name.
25. I shall make his dominion extend \*  
from the Great Sea to the River.
26. He will say to me, 'You are my Father, \*  
my God, and the rock of my salvation'
27. I will make him my firstborn \*  
and higher than the kings of the earth.
28. I will keep my love for him for ever, \*  
and my covenant will stand firm for him.
29. I will establish his line for ever \*  
and his throne as the days of heaven.

## Gospel

**Deacon** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Deacon** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**People** Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**At the conclusion of the Gospel, the deacon says,**  
The Gospel of Christ.

**People** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## Sermon

**A silence for reflection may follow.**

## The Nicene Creed

**Bishop** Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**All**

We 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He 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 Reaffirmation of Ordination Vows

The bishop addresses the clergy as follows.

My brothers and sisters, the Church is the family of God, the body of Christ, and the temple of the holy Spirit. All baptized people are called to make Christ known as Saviour and Lord, and to share in the renewing of his world. You have been called to work as pastors, priests, and teachers, together with your bishop and fellow presbyters, and to take your share in the councils of the Church.

As priests and deacons,, it is your task to proclaim by word and deed the gospel of Jesus Christ, and to fashion your lives in accordance with its precepts. You are called to love and serve the people among whom you work, caring alike for young and old, strong and weak,

rich and poor. As priests, you are called to preach, to declare God's forgiveness to penitent sinners, to pronounce God's blessing, to preside at the administration of holy baptism and at the celebration of the mysteries of Christ's body and blood, and to perform the other ministrations entrusted to you.

As deacons, you are called to a special ministry of servanthood, directly under the authority of your bishop. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are to serve all people, particularly the poor, the weak, the sick, and the lonely. You are called to make Christ's redemptive love known, by your word and example, to those among whom you live and work and worship. You are to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world.

In all that you do, you are to nourish Christ's people from the riches of his grace, and strengthen them to glorify God in this life and in the life to come.

Do you continue to believe that you are truly called by God and his Church to this ministry?

**Answer** I believe I am so called.

**Bishop** Do you now in the presence of this assembly continue to commit yourselves to this trust and responsibility?

**Answer** I do.

**Bishop** Will you continue to respect and be guided by the pastoral direction and leadership of your bishop?

**Answer** I will.

**Bishop** Will you continue to be diligent in the reading and study of the holy scriptures, and in seeking the knowledge of such things as may make you stronger and more able ministers of Christ?

**Answer** I will.

**Bishop** Will you continue to endeavour so to minister the word of God and the sacraments of the new covenant, that the reconciling love of Christ may be known and received?

**Answer** I will.

**Bishop** Do you continue to undertake to be faithful pastors to all whom you are called to serve, labouring together with them and with your fellow ministers to build up the family of God?

**Answer** I do.

**Bishop** Will you continue to do your best to pattern your lives, and those of your families, in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be wholesome examples to your people?

**Answer** I will.

**Bishop** Will you continue to persevere in prayer, both in public and in private, asking God's grace, both for yourselves and for others, and offering all your labours to God, through the mediation of Jesus Christ, and in the sanctification of the Holy Spirit?

**Answer** I will.

## The Renewal of Commitment to Episcopal Ministry

**Representative of the Cathedral Chapter address the bishop,**

Reverend Father in God, will you be faithful to the promise you made at your consecration to uphold the truth of the gospel?

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

**Chapter** Will you promote unity, peace and love among all Christian people, especially in this diocese, and be diligent in prayer and the reading of the holy Scriptures?

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

**Chapter** Will you strive to become more like our High Priest and Good Shepherd, the Teacher and Servant of all, and so to be an authentic sign of Christ's loving presence among us?

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

**The bishop addresses the congregation**

My brothers and sisters, pray for your bishops, priests and deacons. Ask the Lord to bless us with the fullness of his love, that we may be faithful servants of Christ, our great High Priest, serving the Church with gifts that encourage and equip the people of God, and make Christ known in our generation.

**All** Lord Jesus Christ, hear us and answer our prayer.

**Bishop** Almighty God, who has given us the will to undertake all these things, give us also the strength to perform them, that he may complete that work which he has begun in us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All** Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

**Bishop** The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.  
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,  
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

**Silence is kept.**

**Bishop** Most merciful God,

**All** we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

**Bishop** Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People** Amen.

## The Peace

**Bishop** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** And also with you.

**A Hymn is sung, during which representatives of the clergy present the oils to be consecrated.**



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 oh, my Friend, my Friend indeed,  
Who at my need his life did 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. Why, what has my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.

Sweet injuries! Yet they at these  
Themselves displease and 'gainst him rise.

5. 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.

6. 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.

# The Great Thanksgiving with the Blessing of Oils

## Prayer over the Gifts

**Bishop**

Loving God, your Son was anointed by the Holy Spirit not to be served but to serve. Receive all we offer you this day, that we who are called to serve you in the world may be effective ministers of your healing love. This we ask in the name of Jesus, the Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## Prayer over the Oils

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

**The Bishop blesses the oil for the anointing of the sick and dying, saying**

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.

**All** Blessed be God for ever.

**The Bishop blesses the oil of chrism, saying**

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.

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

## The Eucharistic Prayer

**Bishop** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Bishop** Lift up your hearts.

**People** We lift them to the Lord.

**Bishop** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;  
for you anointed your Son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit and with power;  
and you anoint us with the same Spirit in baptism,  
making us a holy people in the royal priesthood of the new covenant.  
Your apostles anointed the sick and healed them, and by your grace the  
ministry of healing continues in your Church; for you sustain us with your  
presence and drive away sickness of body and spirit, giving us new life and  
health that we may serve you both now and ever more.  
Therefore we praise you with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,  
for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation;  
in calling Israel to be your people;  
in your Word spoken through the prophets;  
and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.  
For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to  
be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.  
In him, you have delivered us from evil,  
and made us worthy to stand before you.  
In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,  
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death,  
a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;  
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples, and said,  
"Take, eat: this is my body, which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;  
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,  
"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. Whenever  
you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,  
**All** we remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all;  
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.  
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that  
they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ  
and his blood of the new covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light

where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation,

the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer

**Bishop** And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**All** 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.

## The Breaking of Bread

**Bishop** We break this bread,

**All** Communion in Christ's body once broken.

**Bishop** Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

**All** If we have died with him, we shall live with him;  
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

## The Communion

The bishop invites the people to share in communion and may say,  
The gifts of God for the People of God.

**People** Thanks be to God.

For those joining us on-line, we invite you to use this Prayer for Spiritual Communion:

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. However, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.

## Prayer after Communion

Lord God, in baptism you anoint us with your Holy Spirit, and in this eucharist you feed us with the bread of life. Strengthen us in our ministry of service that we may preach good news to the poor, proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, set at liberty those who are oppressed, and proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord. This we ask in the name of Jesus, the Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Then the following doxology may be said.

**Bishop** Glory to God,  
**All** whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Blessing

**Bishop** Our help is in the name of the Lord  
**All** who has made heaven and earth.  
**Bishop** Blessed be the name of the Lord  
**All** 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.  
**All** Amen.  
**Bishop** The Son, who has ascended to the heights,  
pour upon you the riches of his grace.  
**All** Amen.  
**Bishop** The Holy Spirit, the Comforter,  
equip you and strengthen you in your ministry.  
**All** Amen.  
**Bishop** And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.  
**All** Amen.

### A Hymn is sung.

O sacred head, surrounded by crown of piercing thorn!  
O bleeding head, so wounded, so shamed and put to scorn!  
Death's shadows rise before you, the glow of life decays;  
yet angel-hosts adore you, and tremble as they gaze!

2. Thy comeliness and vigour is withered up and gone,  
and in thy wasted figure I see death drawing on:  
what agony of dying, what love, to sinners free!  
My Lord, all grace supplying, O turn your face on me!

3. Your sinless soul's oppression was all for sinners' gain;  
mine, mine was the transgression, but yours the deadly pain:  
I bow my head, my Saviour, for I deserve your place;  
O grant to me your favour, and heal me by your grace.

4. What language shall I borrow to thank you, dearest friend,  
for this your dying sorrow, your mercy without end?  
Lord, make me yours forever: your servant let me be,  
and may I never, never betray your love for me.

A deacon, or other leader, dismisses the people, saying in these or similar words,

Go forth in the name of Christ.

Answer Thanks be to God.