The Anglican Diocese of Gippsland

THE ORDINATION

OF

JULIE BRUCE

&

MARINUS VAN MEERTEN

AS DEACONS IN THE CHURCH OF GOD

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Cathedral Church of St Paul, Sale

Julie Bruce



At age 13, through the faithful teaching of a religious education teacher, I asked Jesus to be my Lord and Saviour. I was guided to worship in the Anglican Church, and there my faith grew into a lifelong commitment. Whilst serving as a primary teacher, school chaplain, and layperson over many years, including raising a family, I occasionally wondered whether God was calling me to ordination. I began to explore this idea through avenues of study, prayer, and fellowship with others also in a process of discernment.

I enrolled in the four-year *Exploring Faith Matters* course, formerly known as *Education for Ministry* (EfM), which combines theological study and reflection with deepening connections to the wider Christian tradition and community. Following this came selection for the diocesan two-year Ministry Development Program (MDP) based in Mirboo North, which was instrumental in providing practical experience and insight into ministry, tailored for the Gippsland context.

During MDP, my husband became critically ill, so thoughts of candidacy were set aside. David's health improved and I was able to reconsider vocational questions. Through study, mentorship, trials of faith, and God's timely provision, I have grown more certain of my calling and am aware that age is no barrier to ministry. Never say never, for it is time well spent to discern God's will through prayer, study, and joining a discernment group, trusting our Lord to open the way according to His good purposes.

Marinus van Meerten



I am a minister-in-training with Bush Church Aid, serving as assistant minister in the Parish of Bass-Phillip Island with a particular focus on the centre of St Augustine's, San Remo. Born and raised in the Netherlands I was baptised and confirmed in the Dutch Protestant (Reformed) Church. After completing a law degree I sensed a call to ministry and chose to pursue this in Melbourne, where I completed a Master of Divinity at Ridley College and was accepted as a candidate in the Melbourne Diocese. Before moving to Phillip Island at the start of this year, I served as student minister at St James Old Cathedral and as assistant minister at St John's Cranbourne.

Hannah, my wife, and I have two children, Samuel and Elianna. Hannah grew up in Melbourne attending an Anglican church. She studied law and practiced as a lawyer for several years before the arrival of our children. We both sense a call to rural ministry and desire to serve Jesus and his church. Together we pursue God's wisdom for life, seek to welcome the lost and the lonely, and long for the renewal of God's church and of all creation. Pray that our lives would be pleasing to God, and that our word and example would draw many people to Jesus.

The Order of Procession

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Server
Lay Canons
Clerical Canons
Canons Emeritus
The Registrar
Lay Readers
Visiting Clergy
Clergy of the Diocese
The Candidates
Members of the Vocations Group & Examining Chaplains
The Preacher
Regional Deans
Archdeacon
Dean
Deacon of the Eucharist
Bishop
Bishop's Chaplain

Organist Graham Wilson

Setting *Mass of the Saints*, Keren C Terpstra

At the conclusion of the service the new Deacons will precede the Bishop in the procession and be joined by family members for photographs outside the west door

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Please stand

Processional Hymn

1
Lord God, your love has called us here,
as we, by love, for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonoured, 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
Lord 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
Lord 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.

Words: Brian A Wren (b 1936)
Tune: Melita (*TiS* 138)
Hymns Ancient and Modern New Standard 489
CCLI# 4721473

Gathering in God's Name

Please sit

Welcome to Country / Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians

Welcome to the Cathedral

The Dean

Bishop: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

The Deacon of the Eucharist

Jesus said to his disciples, 'I am among you as one who serves.'

See Luke 22:27

Let us pray.

Almighty God
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom 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.

All sing

Kyrie	***Kyrie***
eleison	***eleison***
Christe	***Christe***
eleison	***eleison***
Kyrie	***Kyrie***
eleison	***eleison***

Prayer of Confession

The Deacon of the Eucharist

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

Let us then run our race, laying aside every weight
and bringing our sins to the Lord in penitence and faith.

Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.

Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution

The Bishop says

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria

Sung by all, standing

Glory to God	**Glory to God**
in the highest,	**in the highest,**
and peace to God's people,	**and peace to God's people,**
God's people on earth.	**God's people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory:

Glory to God	**Glory to God**
in the highest,	**in the highest,**
and peace to God's people,	**and peace to God's people,**
God's people on earth.	**God's people on earth.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father: Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world have mercy upon us.
You are seated at the right hand of God, receive our prayer:

Glory to God	**Glory to God**
in the highest,	**in the highest,**
and peace to God's people,	**and peace to God's people,**
God's people on earth.	**God's people on earth.**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit
in the glory of God the Father:

Amen . . .	**Amen . . .**

The Bishop

Let us pray.

The Collect for the day

O God, you called many to the light of the gospel
by the ministry of the saints, martyrs,
missionaries and teachers
of the Anglican Communion.
Inspired by their examples,
help us to grow in the knowledge and love of your Son,
the pioneer and perfector of our faith, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect for those to be ordained Deacon

Almighty God, giver of all that is good,
by your Holy Spirit you have appointed
various orders of ministry in your Church.
Bless Julie and Marinus, now called to the order of deacon.
So fill them with your truth and clothe them with holiness,
that they may faithfully serve and minister to the glory of your name
and the benefit of your Church.
We ask this through Jesus Christ out Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians. [4:1-6]

Read by Jan Misiurka, Diocesan Lay Reader and Lay Canon, Parish of Moe-Newborough

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

1

An upper room did our Lord prepare
for those he loved until the end:
and his disciples still gather there,
to celebrate their risen friend.

2

A lasting gift Jesus gave his own –
to share his bread, his loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down,
he by his cross shall lift us up.

3

And after supper he washed their feet,
for service, too, is sacrament.
In him our joy shall be made complete –
sent out to serve, as he was sent.

Words: Frederick Pratt Green (1903-2000)
Tune: *O Waly Waly*
Together in Song 536 (v. 4 omitted)
CCLI# 5413780

Please stand and turn to face the gospel book

Deacon: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

Deacon: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.

I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them.

“I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

“While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

“I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world.

“My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

“Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

“Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”

[17:6-26]

Deacon: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Sermon

The Revd Ruth Hanlon
Rector, Parish of Bass / Phillip Island

Please stand

The Nicene Creed

Bishop: Let us together affirm the faith of the Church.

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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.**

Hymn



1
Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

2
Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

3
Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

4
Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

5
Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Words: Timothy Dudley Smith (1926 – 2024)
Tune: *Lord of the Years*
Common Praise 81
CCLI# 224957

The Ordination

The Presentation of the Candidates

Members of the diocesan Vocations Group along with diocesan Examining Chaplains present Julie and Marinus to the Bishop

Richard, Bishop in the Church of God, we present to you Julie Bruce and Marinus van Meerten to be ordained deacon.

The Bishop

Can you assure us that they are suited by their learning and godly living to minister as deacons in the household of Christ, to the glory of God?

Archdeacon

They have been examined.
Enquiries have been made among the people of God,
especially among those concerned with their preparation,
and we believe that these candidates are fit for this office.

The Bishop says to the people

Dear friends in Christ, you know the importance of this office.
We have been assured that Julie and Marinus are suited to this ministry.
If, however, any of you know an adequate reason
why we should not proceed, come forward and make it known.

If no impediment is alleged the Bishop says

Let us pray for these persons now to be ordained deacon.

After a period of silence the Litany is sung

God the Father,
have mercy on us.

God the Son,
have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,
have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God,
have mercy on us.

We humbly pray that you will hear us, good Lord.
Grant to your people the forgiveness of sins, growth in grace,
and the fruit of the Spirit.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Send your peace to the world which you have reconciled to yourself
by the ministry of your Son Jesus.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Heal the divisions of your Church, that all may be one,
so that the world may believe.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Lead the members of your Church in their vocation and ministry,
that they may serve you in true and godly living.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Raise up faithful and able ministers for your Church,
that the gospel may be known to all people.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill them with compassion, clothe them with humility,
and move them to care for all your people.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Inspire all bishops, priests and deacons with your love,
that with all your people they may hunger for truth,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Bless your servants Julie and Marinus
who are to be admitted to the order of deacons.
Pour your grace upon them,
that they may faithfully fulfil the duties of this ministry,
build up your Church, and glorify your name.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Sustain by the indwelling of your Holy Spirit
all who are called to the ordained ministries of your Church,
and encourage them to persevere to the end.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Gather us with all your saints into your eternal kingdom.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Eternal God and Father,
you have promised to hear those who pray in the name of your Son.
Grant that what we have asked in faith we may obtain
according to your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Exhortation and Examination

The Bishop shall exhort and examine the candidates in the presence of the people

Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ lived and died as the servant of God.
All who follow him are called to serve God in the world,
setting forward Christ's kingdom through the power of the Spirit.

Christ has called you to the office of deacon.
You are to be an ambassador of Christ,
serving God as you serve others in Jesus' name.
Proclaim the good news of God's love,
so that many may be moved to faith and repentance,
and hearts be opened to do justice,
love mercy, and walk humbly in the presence of God.

Let the transforming love of Jesus be known to all
among whom you live and work.
Strengthen the faithful, teach the young,
search out the careless and indifferent.

Encourage the members of Christ's body by word and example,
ministering among the sick, the needy
and all who are oppressed or in trouble.

Together with your bishop, priest and people,
you are to take your place in public worship,
assist in the administration of the sacraments,
and play your part in the life and councils of the Church.

You are to preach the word of God in the place to which you are licensed,
and to pray and work for peace and justice in the world.
As a deacon, you are to model your life according to the word of God.
Study the Scriptures, reflecting with God's people upon their meaning,
that all may be equipped to live out God's truth in the world.
Put away all that does not make for holiness of life.

Be faithful in prayer,
that you may have strength to run the race that is set before you.

And now,
in order that this congregation may understand your intention,
and so that your public profession may strengthen your resolve,
answer clearly these questions,
which I ask you in the name of God and of the Church.

Julie, do you believe that you are truly called to this order and ministry
of deacons, being moved by the Holy Spirit to serve God
and build up his people, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the order of this Anglican Church of Australia?

Julie: I do believe I am called to this ministry.

Marinus, do you believe that you are truly called to this order and ministry
of deacons, being moved by the Holy Spirit to serve God
and build up his people, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the order of this Anglican Church of Australia?

Marinus: I do believe I am called to this ministry.

Do you wholeheartedly accept the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as given by the Spirit to convey in many and varied ways the revelation of God which is fulfilled in our Lord Jesus Christ?

Candidates: I do accept them.

Will you take your part in reading the holy Scriptures in the church and in assisting the priest to teach the doctrine of Christ and administer the sacraments?

Candidates: I will, by God's grace.

Will you be diligent in prayer, and in the study of the holy Scriptures? Will you undertake such other studies as will help you in your ministry?

Candidates: I will, by God's grace.

Will you strive to shape your own life and that of your household according to the way of Christ?

Candidates: I will, by God's grace.

Will you constantly seek the help of the Holy Spirit to use and develop God's gifts to you, so that you may serve all by word and deed?

Candidates: I will, by God's grace.

Will you promote unity, peace and love among all Christian people, especially among those with whom you serve God, encouraging and enabling them to fulfil their ministries?

Candidates: I will, by God's grace.

Will you seek to set forward Christ's kingdom in the world, working for reconciliation, peace and justice?

Candidates: I will, by God's grace.

Will you accept the order and discipline of the Anglican Church of Australia, submitting yourself to the lawful authority of your bishop and others set over you in the Church?

Candidates: I will, by God's grace.

May God who has given you the will to do these things give you the grace and power to perform them. **Amen.**

The Bishop says to the congregation

You have heard Julie and Marinus respond to God's call.
Will you accept them as deacons in the Church of God?

All: **We accept them gladly!**

Will you support and encourage them in this ministry?

All: **We will, by God's grace.**

Please remain seated or kneel for the hymn

1
Come, Holy Spirit, our souls inspire,
and lighten with your heavenly fire.
you the anointing Spirit are,
on us your sevenfold gifts you pour.

2
Your blessed unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight.

3
Anoint and cheer our mortal face
with the abundance of your grace.
Keep far our foes, give peace at home:
where you are guide, no ill can come.

4
Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and you with both to be but one,
that through the ages all along,
this may be our endless song:

Praise to your eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Words: Attributed to Rabunus Maurus (776-856)
Tune: *Veni, Creator Spiritus*
Together in Song 396
CCLI# 4679233

The Laying on of Hands

The candidates kneel before the Bishop, who says

Blessed are you, Lord our God!
In your infinite love you set us free
to be a holy people in the kingdom of your Son.
Though he was rich, for our sake Christ became poor.
Taking the form of a servant, he humbled himself,
and gave his life a ransom for many.
Exalted as Lord of all,
he poured out the gifts of the Spirit,
to equip the saints for the work of ministry,
and to build up the body of Christ.
And now we give you thanks
that you have called these your servants
to the ministry of deacon in your Church.

The Bishop lays hands on the head of each ordinand

Send down the Holy Spirit upon your servant Julie / Marinus
whom we set apart by the laying on of our hands,
for the office and work of a deacon in your Church. **Amen.**

The new Deacons are vested

The Bishop delivers the New Testament to each in turn, saying

Take authority to exercise the office and ministry of a deacon
in the Church of God,
in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Bishop continues

Grant to your servants, merciful God,
grace and power to proclaim the gospel of salvation.
May they be patient and loving, strong and steadfast.
As you have called them to your service,
make them worthy of their calling.

Accept our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who, with you and the Holy Spirit,
lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Bishop presents the newly ordained Deacons to the congregation

Brothers and sisters in Christ, I present to you
The Revd Julie Bruce and The Revd Marinus van Meerten,
deacons in the Church of God.

The newly ordained Deacons are welcomed with applause

The Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ.
His Spirit is with us.

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

Offertory Song

Renatè Ferns, St Augustine's San Remo, Parish of Bass / Phillip Island,
and Jodie Fishwick, Ministry Development Program (MDP),
bring forward the gifts of the people

During the hymn a collection will be taken for the Gippsland Ministry Fund
to support the formation, development, and placement of clergy
in the Diocese of Gippsland, now and into the future

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It's so good I almost can't believe it,
far beyond what hearts could ever dream;
the God who set the galaxies in motion,
would descend to give His life for me.

For what could make perfection bleed for sinners?
What leads a King to pay so great a cost?
All my life, my heart will sing the answer:
only the love of God.

Singing Oh, how great is the love of God;
he paid our debt on that rugged cross;
for all our days, we will sing our Saviour's praise:
how great is the love of God.

It's so kind, it leads us to repentance;
and it's so bright, the darkness has to flee.
Hallelujah, it cleared my guilty sentence,
for I was bound but now I stand redeemed.

For what could break the chains of any prison?
What force could rob the power from the grave?
What would trade my rags for heaven's riches?
Only the love of God.

Singing Oh, how great is the love of God . . .

Though I try, my mind can't comprehend it.
It's so high, too marvelous for words.
I could sing a million songs about it,
and barely scratch the surface of Your worth.

This all my life, the banner I'll be waving,
My anthem cry no matter what may come;
and when I rise to walk the streets of heaven
I'll still be singing this song (oh, my song),
For everything that You've done:
how great the love of God (hey).

Singing Oh, how great is the love of God . . .

Songwriters: Phil Wickham, Cody Carnes, Benjamin William Hastings, Michael Brandon Lake
Love Of God lyrics © All Essential Music, Capitol Cmg Paragon,
Be Essential Songs, Writers Roof Publishing, Also Also Industries Publishing
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Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth.
We give you thanks and praise
for your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Who came not to be served, but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many.

He taught your word with boldness,
and offered himself to you in perfect obedience.
He cared for all as the good shepherd,
and laid down his life for his sheep.

By his death and rising to new life
he brought new life to your people.
In baptism you have united us to him,
and brought us out of darkness to light.

And now we give you thanks that in fulfilment of your promise
you pour out your Spirit upon us,
filling us with your gifts and leading us into all truth.

You give us power to proclaim your gospel to all nations
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.

You call out those who will serve you as deacons,
and commission them for the service of others,
that the pattern of Christ's rule may be seen among us.

Therefore, with them, and with all your saints
who have served you in every age, we give thanks and lift our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

All (sung)	Holy**, holy,**	holy**, holy,**
	holy, Lord God of hosts	**holy, Lord God of hosts**
	heaven and earth,	**heaven and earth,**
	are full of your glory;	**are full of your glory.**
	Hosanna in the highest.	**Hosanna in the highest.**
	Blessed is he who comes	**Blessed is he who comes**
	in the name of the Lord;	**in the name of the Lord.**
	Hosanna in the highest.	**Hosanna in the highest.**

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks,
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All (sung)	Christ has died.	**Christ has died.**
	Christ is risen.	**Christ is risen.**
	Christ will come again.	**Christ will come again.**

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again, we celebrate,
with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

As we eat and drink this holy sacrament,
renew us by your Spirit,
that we may be united in the body of your Son
and serve you as a royal priesthood
in the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Receive our praises, Father,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom and in whom,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you in songs of never-ending praise.

All (sung)	Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.	**Blessing and honour** **and glory and power** **are yours for ever** **and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us we are confident to pray,

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread and the Communion

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:
so may your church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

All (sung)	Lamb of God,	**Lamb of God,**	
	you take away	**you take away**	
	the sin of the world,	**the sin of the world,**	
	have mercy on us;	**have mercy on us.**	*(Repeat)*
	Lamb of God,	**Lamb of God,**	
	you take away	**you take away**	
	the sin of the world,	**the sin of the world.**	
	grant us your peace;	**grant us your peace.**	

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Communicant members of other denominations
are welcome to receive Holy Communion

Please follow the directions of the sides-people

Communion Hymn

This hymn is sung towards the end of the distribution of Communion,
with the congregation remaining seated

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 & Music: Stuart Townend (b 1963) & Keith Getty (b 1974)
Mission Praise 1072
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Prayer after Communion

Gracious God,
we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son,
and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit.
We thank you for raising up faithful servants
for the ministry of your word and sacraments.
May they be godly examples in word and action,
in love and patience, and in holiness of life,
that they may faithfully fulfil their ministry.
May your word spoken through them never fail.
Make us with them, faithful witnesses of the Lord Jesus
and his resurrection,
that at his coming we may go out with great joy to meet him,
and be found worthy to worship you with all your saints for ever.

Most loving God,
You send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.

Words of affirmation are offered by The Ven Graham Knott,
Ministry Development Officer and Vicar General

After which presentations are made on behalf of the Anglican Board of Mission
by The Revd Canon Amy Turner, and on behalf of Mothers' Union by Mrs Jan Misiurka

The new Deacons respond

Please stand

Dismissal Hymn

1
Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2
Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, thy child let me be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

3
Be thou my armour, my sword for the fight,
be thou my dignity, thou my delight;
thou my soul's shelter and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

4
Riches I scorn and the world's empty praise,
thou my inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only the first in my heart;
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

5
High King of heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Words: Gaelic, 8th century
translated by Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931)
versified by Eleanor Henrietta Hull (1860-1935)
Tune: *Slane*
Together in Song 547
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Sending out of God's People

The Bishop gives the blessing

. . . and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Deacon of the Eucharist dismisses the people

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Please remain standing for the Organ Recessional
as Julie and Marinus, with all those in the sanctuary, leave via the West door,
then please exit via the narthex for a light lunch