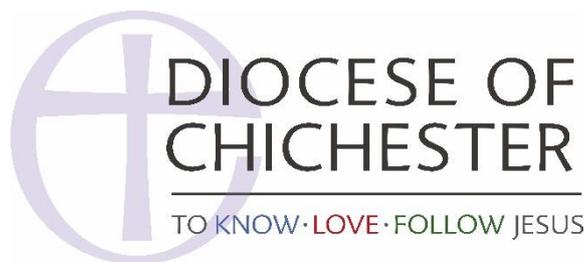




# ORDINATION OF PRIESTS 2020



**Please pray for those to be ordained priest in this Eucharist  
and the parishes where they continue to serve:**

**Neill Stannard** Goring-by-Sea

*To be ordained Priest by the Bishop of Chichester  
at St Mary's, Goring-by Sea on Saturday 3 October at 3.00pm*

**Elizabeth Green** St Alban's, Gossops Green

*To be ordained Priest by the Bishop of Horsham  
at St Alban's, Gossops Green on Saturday 3 October at 3.00pm*

**Thomas Crowley** St Saviour's, Eastbourne

*To be ordained Priest by the Bishop of Lewes  
at St Saviour's, Eastbourne on Saturday 3 October at 3.00pm*

**Elizabeth Jinks** St Mark's, Holbrook

*To be ordained Priest by the Bishop of Horsham  
at St Mark's, Holbrook on Saturday 3 October at 6.00pm*

**Sally Mitchell** West Grinstead

*To be ordained Priest by the Bishop of Horsham  
at West Grinstead on Sunday 4 October at 3.00pm*

**Dominik Chmielewski** St Nicholas, Arundel

*To be ordained Priest by the Bishop of Lewes  
at St Nicholas', Arundel on Sunday 4 October at 3.00pm*

**Alexandra Wheeler** St John the Evangelist, Coptborne

*To be ordained Priest by the Bishop of Horsham  
at St John the Evangelist, Coptborne on Sunday 4 October at 6.00pm*

**Michael Milmine** St Pancras, Chichester  
*To be ordained Priest by the Bishop of Chichester  
at St Pancras, Chichester on Sunday 4 October at 6.00pm*

**Shirley Tupper** Beeding and Bramber with Botolphs  
*To be ordained Priest by the Bishop of Horsham  
at St Peter's, Beeding on Monday 5 October at 7.00pm*

**Sandra Wickens** Rotherfield  
*To be ordained Priest by the Bishop of Horsham  
at St Denys', Rotherfield on Tuesday 6 October at 7.00pm*

**Torhild Fikseanet** Heathfield  
*To be ordained Priest by the Bishop of Horsham  
at All Saints', Old Heathfield on Wednesday 7 October at 7.00pm*

**Alistair Marshall** St Peter's, Brighton  
*To be ordained Priest by the Bishop of Horsham  
at St Peter's, Brighton on Thursday 8 October at 7.00pm*

**Thomas Fink-Jensen** St Michael and All Angels', Lancing  
*To be ordained Priest by the Bishop of Lewes  
at St Michael's, South Lancing on Saturday 10 October at 3.00pm*

**Emma Ham-Riche** East Preston  
*To be ordained Priest by the Bishop of Horsham  
at East Preston on Sunday 11 October at 6.00pm*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## The Greeting

*Please stand as the procession enters. The Bishop greets the people:*

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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 Bishop 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. Priests are ordained to lead God's people in the offering of praise and the proclamation of the gospel. They share with the Bishop in the oversight of the Church, delighting in its beauty and rejoicing in its well-being. They are to set the example of the Good Shepherd always before them as the pattern of their calling. With the Bishop and their fellow presbyters, they are to sustain the community of the faithful by the ministry of word and sacrament, that we all may grow into the fullness of Christ and be a living sacrifice acceptable to God.

## The Presentation

*The ordinand is presented by the parish Incumbent:*

Bishop N, I present N to be ordained to the office of priest in the Church of God; *he/she* is to serve in the parish of N.

*When the ordinand has been presented, the Bishop asks the Incumbent*

Have those whose duty it is to know this ordinand and examine them found them to be of godly life and sound learning?

*Incumbent:* They have.

Do they believe them to be duly called to serve God in this ministry?

*Incumbent:* They do.

*The Bishop turns to the ordinand and says:*

Do you believe that God is calling you to this ministry?

*Ordinand:* I do so believe.

*The Bishop says*

Let the Declaration and Oaths be made.

## The Declaration and Oaths

*The Bishop says*

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 ordinand says*

I, N, 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 authorised or allowed by Canon.

*Holding the New Testament in their right hand, the ordinand then takes The Oath of Allegiance:*

I, N, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, her heirs and successors, according to law: So help me God.

*The ordinand then takes The Oath of Canonical Obedience:*

I, N, do swear by Almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Chichester and his successors in all things lawful and honest: So help me God.

*The ordinand then subscribes the Declaration and Oaths.*

*The Bishop says*

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

*All remain seated for a period of silent prayer.*

God our Father, Lord of all the world,  
through your Son you have called us  
into the fellowship of your universal Church:  
hear our prayer for your faithful people  
that in their vocation and ministry  
each may be an instrument of your love,  
and give to your servant now to be ordained  
the needful gifts of grace;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### Old Testament Reading

ISAIAH 6: 1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: ‘Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.’ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## New Testament Reading

2 CORINTHIANS 5: 17—6: 2

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, ‘At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.’ See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

I chose you and appointed you, says the Lord,  
that you should go and bear fruit that shall last.

**Alleluia.**

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

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

### JOHN 10: 1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.’

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

*Please sit.*

Sermon

*The Bishop*

## The Nicene Creed

*Please stand.*

**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 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

## The Declarations

*The congregation sits. The ordinand stands before the Bishop, who addresses the congregation:*

Priests are called to be servants and shepherds among the people to whom they are sent. With their Bishop and fellow ministers, they are to proclaim the word of the Lord and to watch for the signs of God's new creation. They are to be messengers, watchmen and stewards of the Lord; they are to teach and to admonish, to feed and provide for his family, to search for his children in the wilderness of this world's temptations, and to guide them through its confusions, that they may be saved through Christ for ever. Formed by the word, they are to call their hearers to repentance and to declare in Christ's name the absolution and forgiveness of their sins.

With all God's people, they are to tell the story of God's love. They are to baptize new disciples in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and to walk with them in the way of Christ, nurturing them in the faith. They are to unfold the Scriptures, to preach the word in season and out of season, and to declare the mighty acts of God. They are to preside at the Lord's table and lead his people in worship, offering with them a spiritual sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. They are to bless the people in God's name. They are to resist evil, support the weak, defend the poor, and intercede for all in need. They are to minister to the sick and prepare the dying for their death. Guided by the Spirit, they are to discern and foster the gifts of all God's people, that the whole Church may be built up in unity and faith.

*The Bishop addresses the ordinand directly:*

We trust that long ago you began to weigh and ponder all this, and that you are fully determined, by the grace of God, to devote yourself wholly to his service, so that as you daily follow the rule and teaching of our Lord and grow into his likeness, God may 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?

*Ordinand:* 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?

*Ordinand:* By the help of God, I will.

Will you lead Christ's people in proclaiming his glorious gospel, so that the good news of salvation may be heard in every place?

*Ordinand:* By the help of God, I will.

Will you faithfully minister the doctrine and sacraments of Christ as the Church of England has received them, so that the people committed to your charge may be defended against error and flourish in the faith?

*Ordinand:* By the help of God, I will.

Will you, knowing yourself to be reconciled to God in Christ, strive to be an instrument of God's peace in the Church and in the world?

*Ordinand:* 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, that you may be a pattern and example to Christ's people?

*Ordinand:* 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?

*Ordinand:* By the help of God, I will.

Will you accept and minister the discipline of this Church, and respect authority duly exercised within it?

*Ordinand:* 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, to make Christ known among all whom you serve?

*Ordinand:* By the help of God, I will.

*The congregation stands and the ordinand turns and faces them.*

*The Bishop says to the congregation:*

Brothers and sisters, you have heard how great is the charge that this ordinand is ready to undertake, and you have heard their declarations. Is it now your will that they should be ordained?

*All:* **It is.**

Will you continually pray for them?

*All:* **We will.**

Will you uphold and encourage them in their ministry?

*All:* **We will.**

*The ordinand turns back to face the Bishop, who continues, addressing them:*

In the name of our Lord we bid you remember the greatness of the trust that is now to be committed to your charge. Remember always with thanksgiving that the treasure now to be entrusted to you is Christ's own flock, bought by the shedding of his blood on the cross. It is to him that you will render account for your stewardship of his people.

You cannot bear the weight of this calling in your own strength, but only by the grace and power of God. Pray therefore that your heart may daily be enlarged and your understanding of the Scriptures enlightened.

Pray earnestly for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

*The congregation sits or kneels. The ordinand kneels and silence is kept.*

*The Bishop recites*

## Veni Creator

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,  
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.

*9<sup>th</sup>-century Latin, tr. John Cosin (1594 1672)*

*The parish Incumbent leads*

## The Litany

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to the Father.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world,  
for the welfare of the Holy Church of God,  
and for the unity of all,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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 Martin our bishop,  
Ruth, bishop of Horsham, William, bishop of Lewes,  
and for all bishops, priests and deacons,  
that they may hunger for truth and thirst after righteousness,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For *N*, called to be a priest in his 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 we may be one in Christ, according to his will,  
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,  
Wilfrid, Richard and all the saints,  
we commit ourselves, one another,  
and our whole life to Christ our God;  
**to you, O Lord.**

## The Ordination Prayer

*The ordinand continues to kneel before the Bishop, who stands to pray:*

We praise and glorify you, almighty Father,  
because in your infinite love  
you have formed throughout the world  
a holy people for your own possession,  
a royal priesthood, a universal Church.  
We praise and glorify you  
because you have given us 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 has given his gifts abundantly,  
to equip your holy people for the work of ministry,  
for the building up of the body of Christ.

And now we give you thanks  
that you have called your servant, *N*,  
whom we ordain in your name,  
to share as a priest 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 Bishop and assisting priests lay hands on the head of the ordinand, and the Bishop says*

Send down the Holy Spirit on your servant *N*  
for the office and work of a priest in your Church.

*The prayer continues:*

Through your Spirit, heavenly Father,  
give your servant, *N*, grace and power  
to proclaim the gospel of your salvation  
and minister the sacraments of the new covenant.  
Renew them in holiness,  
and give them wisdom and discipline  
to work faithfully with those committed to their charge.

In union with their fellow servants in Christ,  
may they reconcile what is divided,  
heal what is wounded  
and restore what is lost.

May they declare your blessings to your people;  
may they proclaim Christ's victory over the powers of darkness,  
and absolve in Christ's name those who turn to him in faith;  
so shall a people made whole in Christ  
offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to you,  
our God and Father,  
to whom, with the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
belong glory and honour, worship and praise, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## The Giving of the Bible

*The Bishop gives to the newly-ordained Priest a copy of the Bible, saying*

Receive this book,  
as a sign of the authority which God has given you this day  
to preach the gospel of Christ  
and to minister his holy sacraments.

## The Anointing

*The Bishop sits and anoints the palms of the hands of the newly ordained priest, saying*

May God, who anointed the Christ  
with the Holy Spirit at his baptism,  
anoint and empower you to reconcile and bless his people.

*The Bishop welcomes the newly-ordained Priest.*

# The Liturgy of the Eucharist

## The Peace

*Please stand. The Bishop says*

God has made us one in Christ.  
He has set his seal upon us  
and as a pledge of what is to come  
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

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

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*The Bishop says*

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

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise  
through your Son Jesus Christ, our great high priest.  
He was lifted up for us on the cross  
that he might reveal your glory and draw all people to himself.  
You exalted him to your right hand on high  
and through your Holy Spirit you sent upon your people  
a rich diversity of gifts.

From this royal priestly people you raise up ministers  
to proclaim your word,  
to care for your people  
and to be the stewards of your holy mysteries.  
You call them to serve the world your Son redeemed  
and build up his body the Church to be his bride.  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died:**  
**Christ is risen:**  
**Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world,  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Saint Wilfrid, Saint Richard of Chichester and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

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

**Amen.**

*Please remain standing as silence is kept.*

## The Lord's Prayer

*The Bishop introduces the prayer and all respond:*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread

**We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## Giving of Communion

*The Bishop invites the people to communion:*

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.  
**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*The Bishop and people receive communion. Communion will be administered in one kind only and it will be brought to you in your place. Once you have received communion please sit down.*

## Prayer after Communion

*The Bishop says*

Let us pray.

*Please stand. Silence is kept.*

Lord God, heavenly Father,  
grant to your Church today  
the faith of her apostles,  
the hope of her martyrs  
and the love of her Lord,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

## The Blessing

*The Bishop 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.**

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**