

Ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons

Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 4:30pm

The Eve of

The Feast of St. John the Evangelist

The Cathedral Church of St. James Diocese of Toronto • Anglican Church of Canada

Presiding Celebrant The Right Reverend Andrew Asbil

Homilist The Right Reverend Riscylla Shaw

Bishop's Chaplain Paul Seddon, ODT

Deacon of the Liturgy The Reverend Elizabeth Cummings

Litanist The Reverend Canon Dr. Alison Falby

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Communion Ministers The Right Reverend Kevin Robertson

The Very Reverend Dr. Stephen Hance

The New Deacons

MC The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields

Assisting Clergy The Reverend Canon Beth Benson

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Postulancy Committee The Reverend Canon Lisa Newland

Offertory Bearers Bill Benson, ODT, Elizabeth Hill, ODT

Sung by The Choir of St. James Cathedral

Director of Music Thomas Bell

Organist Nathan Jeffery

The Bells of Old York The Cathedral Guild of Change Ringers

Tower Captain Dan Tregunno

ORDINANDS

Amy Mary Katherine Pauley

Presenters: The Very Reverend Alex Hewitt and Margaret Paradis

Ajith Koshy Varghese

Presenters: The Reverend Eric Howes and Dr. Anne Kern

Matthew Benson Grant Waterman

Presenters: The Reverend Dr. F. Dean Mercer and Ms. Sonia Mongford

Margaret Rebecca Whitla

Presenters: The Reverend Dr. William Whitla and Emma Whitla

Mackenzie Kay Wolf

Presenters: The Reverend Pamela Rayment and Heather Goodall

Oliver Lim Zikai

Presenters: The Reverend Don Beyers and Varoot Phasuthadol

Welcome to St. James Cathedral

Please observe silence before the service begins and ensure that cell phones are turned off.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Mass Setting: Ordination Mass in G by Matthew Waterman (a candidate for ordination)

Prelude Concerto in B flat op. 4 no. 6

G.F. Handel

Land Acknowledgement

This sacred land is the territory of several Indigenous Nations - the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishnaabe, and the Métis peoples, with special recognition to the Mississaugas of New Credit. We also acknowledge that we are on the shores of Niigaani-gichigami/Lake Ontario. This territory is governed by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Treaty, an agreement between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Anishnaabe Confederacy to peaceably share and sustain the life of the Great Lakes. In the spirit of that Treaty we seek to place at the centre of our gatherings the values of respectful reciprocity, diversity, peace, responsibility, and mutual aid.

Please stand, as you are able.

Tune: Regent Square

Processional Hymn

In the name of Christ we gather, in the name of Christ we sing! Celebrate new vows, new promise of a life's whole offering, here ordained to lead God's people at the Gospel's beckoning.

Sons and daughters of the Spirit, we are called to teach and care, called as were the first disciples, commonwealth of Christ to share, by the bread and wine and water sacraments of grace declare.

In the ministry of preaching may the Word spring into life, in the time of doubt and challenge may its truth affirm belief, in the day of pain and darkness heal the hurt of guilt and grief.

Now within this solemn moment we invoke the power of God — by the hands laid on in blessing be there strength to take the load, be there faithfulness in loving, be there courage for this road.

Word of joy, enlivening Spirit, more than lover, parent, friend, born in Jesus, born in Mary, born in us, that love extend, grow within your chosen servant, life of God that has no end!

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Greeting

Bishop Alleluia! Christ is risen.

PeopleThe Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!BishopMay his grace and peace be with you.

People May he fill our hearts with joy.

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.

The Collect

Bishop Let us pray.

Please remain standing.

Shed upon your Church, O Lord, the brightness of your light, that we being illumined by the teaching of your apostle and evangelist John, may walk in the light of your truth, and come at last to the fullness of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

First Reading

Genesis 1:1-5, 12-19

Reader

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the

earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

Reader

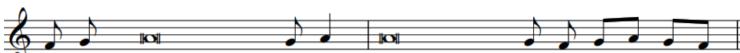
The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated.

Psalm 92:1-2,11-14

Psalm



Choir It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord

and to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

All To tell of your love early in the morn-ing

and of your faithfulness in the night-time,

Choir My eyes will look down on my foes;

my ears shall hear the ruin of the evildoers who rise up a-gainst me.

All The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,

and shall spread abroad like a ce-dar of Le-ba non.

Choir Such as are planted in the house of the Lord;

shall flourish in the courts of our God.

All They shall still bear fruit in old age;

they shall be vigorous and in full leaf;

Second Reading

1 John 1:1-9

Reader

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have

fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Reader The word of the Lord.People Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Vulpius

People Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Choir If you love me, you will keep my word,

and my Father will love you, and we will come to you.

People Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel John 20:1-8

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.

Deacon Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the

other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and

The Gospel of Christ.

believed;

Deacon

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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The Homily

The Nicene Creed

Please stand with the Bishop, as you are able.

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 Presentation

Please be seated when the Bishop is seated.

Presenters

Andrew, bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of Toronto, we present you, Amy Mary Katherine Pauley, Ajith Koshy Varghese, Matthew Benson Grant Waterman, Margaret Rebecca Whitla, Mackenzie Kay Wolf and Oliver Lim Zikai to be ordained deacon in Christ's holy catholic Church.

Bishop

Have they been selected in accordance with the canons and customs of this Church? And do you believe their manner of life to be suitable to the exercise of this ministry?

Presenters

We certify to you that they have been duly selected, and we believe them to be qualified for this order.

Bishop

Will you be loyal to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of Christ as this Church has received them? And will you, in accordance with the canons of this Church, obey your bishop and other ministers who may have authority over you and your work?

Ordinands

I am willing and ready to do so; and I solemnly declare that I do believe the holy scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation; and I do solemnly promise to conform to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Anglican Church of Canada.

The Ordinands then sign the above declaration in the sight of all present.

Please stand, as you are able.

Bishop

Dear friends in Christ, you know the importance of this ministry, and the weight of your responsibility in presenting these persons for ordination to the sacred order of deacons. Therefore, if any of you know any impediment or crime for which we should not proceed, come forward now and make it known.

If no objection is made, the Bishop continues:

Is it your will that Amy, Ajith, Matthew, Becca, Mackenzie and Ollie be ordained deacons?

People It is.

Bishop Will you uphold them in this ministry?

People We will.

Please be seated.

The Examination

Bishop

Dear friends, every Christian is called to follow Jesus Christ, serving God the Father, through the power of the Holy Spirit. God now calls you 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.

As deacons in the Church, you are to study the holy scriptures, to seek nourishment from them, and to model your lives upon them. You are to make Christ and his 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. You are to assist the bishop and priests in public worship, and in the ministration of God's word and sacraments, and you are to carry out other duties assigned to you from time to time. At all times, your life and teaching are to show Christ's people that in serving the helpless they are serving Christ himself.

Do you believe that you are truly called by God and his Church to the life and work of a deacon?

Ordinands I believe I am so called.

Bishop Do you now in the presence of the Church commit yourselves to this trust

and responsibility?

Ordinands I do.

Bishop Will you be guided by the pastoral direction and leadership of your bishop?

Ordinands I will.

Bishop Will you be faithful in prayer, and in the reading and study of the holy

scriptures?

Ordinands I will.

Bishop Will you look for Christ in all others, being ready to help and serve those in

need?

Ordinands I will.

Bishop Will you do your best to pattern your life in accordance with the teachings

of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to your people?

Ordinands I will.

Bishop Will you in all things seek not your glory but the glory of the Lord Christ?

Ordinands I will.

Bishop May the Lord by his grace uphold you in the service to which you are called.

People Amen.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE DEACONS

Ordination Litany

Bishop In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Please kneel, as you are able, or be seated.

Litanist God the Father,

People Have mercy on us.

Litanist God the Son,

People Have mercy on us.Litanist God the Holy Spirit,People Have mercy on us.

Litanist Holy Trinity, one God,

People Have mercy on us.

Litanist We pray to you, Lord Christ.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist For all members of your Church in their vocation and ministry, that they

may serve you in a true and godly life, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist For Andrew, our bishop and for all bishops, priests, and deacons, that they

may be filled with your love, may hunger for truth, and may thirst after

righteousness, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist For Amy, Ajith, Matthew, Becca, Mackenzie and Ollie, chosen deacons in

your Church, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist That they may faithfully fulfil the duties of this ministry, build up your

Church, and glorify your name, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist That by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit they may be sustained and

encouraged to persevere to the end, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may

cease and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you,

O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the

gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith,

that they may receive the light of the gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist For ourselves: for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy

Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist For all who have died in the communion of the Church, and those whose

faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O

Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Litanist Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints,

let us commend ourselves and one another, and all our life to Christ our

God.

People To you, O Lord.

Bishop Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, mercifully

accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through

Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Veni Creator Spiritus

Bishop 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.

Text: Latin (9th cent.); tr. John Cosin; Music: Melody Mechlin plainsong, Mode 8.

A period of silent prayer follows.

Bishop

We praise and glorify you, most merciful Father, because in your great love of our human race you sent your only Son Jesus Christ to take the form of a servant; he came to serve and not to be served; and to teach us that he who would be great among us must be the servant of all; he humbled himself for our sake, and in obedience accepted death, even death on a cross; therefore you highly exalted him and gave him the name which is above every name. And now we give you thanks that you have called these your servants to share this ministry entrusted to your Church.

Here the Bishop lays his hands on the head of each Ordinand.

Send down your Holy Spirit upon your servant –

Amy/ Ajith/ Matthew/ Becca/ Mackenzie/ Ollie -

whom we now consecrate in your name to the office and work of a deacon in the Church.

Tune: Veni Creator

Almighty Father, give to these your servants grace and power to fulfil their ministry. Make them faithful to serve, ready to teach, and constant to advance your gospel; and grant that always having full assurance of faith, abounding in hope, and being rooted and grounded in love, they may continue strong and steadfast in 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.

People Amen.

Vesting of the New Deacons

Please be seated.

The new Deacons are now vested according to the Order of Deacons.

Motet Be Thou My Vision

Bob Chilcott

Choir

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;

Be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art Be Thou my best Thought, in the day or by night, Both waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, be Thou my true Word;

Be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee, Lord;

Be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;

Be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou, and Thou only, the first in my heart;

O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure Thou art;

O Sovereign of heaven, be Thou my Vision;

Be Thou my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Presentation of the Holy Scriptures

The Bishop gives a Bible to each of the new Deacons.

Bishop

Receive this Bible as the sign of your authority to proclaim God's word and to assist in the ministration of his holy sacraments.

Please stand, as you are able.

The Bishop presents the new Deacons to the congregation.

The Peace

We offer each other a sign of peace.

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

An offering will now be taken for the life and ministry of the Cathedral.

Offertory Hymn

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.

I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

Refrain:

No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that Rock I'm clinging.

Since Love is lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing; it finds and echoes in my soul; how can I keep from singing? [Refrain]

What though the tempest 'round me roar, I hear the truth it liveth.
What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night he giveth. [Refrain]

When tyrants tremble, sick with fear, and hear the death knells ringing; when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing? [Refrain]

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing.
All things are mine since I am his; how can I keep from singing? [Refrain]

Text: Robert Lowry; Music: Attrib. Robert Lowry, alt.

Tune: How Can I Keep From Singing.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Please remain standing.

Bishop God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name.

People Amen.

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The Great Thanksgiving

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.

Bishop Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you

thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who came not to be served, but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many. He calls his faithful servants to lead your holy people in love, nourishing them by your word and sacraments. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory

of your name.

Sanctus & Benedictus

Choir 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.

Bishop We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling a people into covenant with you; 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;

Bishop 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

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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 children; 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.

People Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

McNeil Robinson

Bishop As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

All

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

Bishop Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All Now we are raised to new life.

Bishop We were buried in your tomb.

All Now we share in your resurrection.

Bishop Live in us,

All That we may live in you.

The Communion

Bishop The gifts of God for the People of God.

People Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

Choir

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.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request. Please refrain from dipping the host in the chalice. If you choose not to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your hands over your chest to indicate this to the priest.

The new Deacons will administer Holy Communion at the following locations.

Please follow the directions of the sidespeople.

Lady Altar (East aisle) The Reverend Ollie Lim

High Altar The Reverend Amy Pauley

The Reverend Ajith Varghese

The Reverend Matthew Waterman

The Reverend Becca Whitla

St. John Altar (West aisle)

The Reverend Mackenzie Wolf

Motet O Lord Give Thy Holy Spirit

Thomas Tallis

Choir

O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit in to our hearts, and lighten our understanding, that we may dwell in the fear of thy Name, all the days of our life, that we may know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.

Communion Hymn

All

O God, you search me and you know me. All my thoughts lie open to your gaze. When I walk or lie down you are before me: Ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising. You discern my purpose from afar, And with love everlasting you besiege me: In ev'ry moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord, You have known its meaning through and through. You are with me beyond my understanding: God of my present, my past and future, too.

Although your Spirit is upon me, Still I search for shelter from your light. There is nowhere on earth I can escape you: Even the darkness is radiant in your sight. For you created me and shaped me,

Gave me life within my mother's womb.

For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:

Safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

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Communion Hymn

All God has chosen me,

God has chosen me to bring good news to the poor.

God has chosen me,

God has chosen me to bring new sight to those searching for light.

God has chosen me, chosen me:

And to tell the world that God's kingdom is near,

to remove oppression and break down fear,

yes, God's time is near, God's time is near, God's time is near.

God has chosen me,

God has chosen me to set alight a new fire.

God has chosen me,

God has chosen me to bring to birth a new kingdom on earth.

God has chosen me, chosen me:

And to tell the world that God's kingdom is near,

to remove oppression and break down fear,

yes, God's time is near, God's time is near, God's time is near.

God is calling me,

God is calling me in all whose cry is unheard.

God is calling me,

God is calling me to raise up the voice with no power or choice.

God is calling me, calling me:

And to tell the world that God's kingdom is near,

to remove oppression and break down fear,

yes, God's time is near, God's time is near, God's time is near.

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Prayer after Communion

Bishop Let us pray

Please stand, as you are able.

Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of 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 among us faithful servants for the ministry of your word and sacraments. We pray that Amy, Ajith, Matthew, Becca, Mackenzie and Ollie may be to us a godly example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with them, may serve you now, and always rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The Blessing

Bishop Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People The maker of heaven and earth.

Bishop Blessed be the name of the Lord,

People From this time forth for evermore.

Bishop The blessing, mercy, and grace of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and

the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People Amen.

Hymn Tune: Thaxted

Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth; give freedom's light to captives, let all the poor have worth. The hungry's hands are pleading, the workers claim their rights, the mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight. Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron power, abolish ancient vengeance: proclaim your people's hour.

You hallow our vocations, you call us to your way; you shape us for your service—you the Potter, we the clay. Share with us Creation's moulding; form our minds to your delight; Mighty Crafter of our vessels, fire our visions with your light—consecrate your priest and people; warm the steps your saints have trod: bless the bread of our endeavours, bless the wine of our resolve.

For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end, for love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend. Weave our varied gifts together; knit our lives as they are spun; on your loom of time enroll us till our thread of life is run. O great Weaver of our fabric, bind Church and world in one; dye our texture with your radiance, light our colours with your sun.

Your city's built to music; we are the stones you seek; your harmony is language: we are the words you speak. Our faith we find in service, our hope in other's dreams, our love in hand of neighbour: our homeland brightly gleams. Inscribe our hearts with justice; your way—the path untried; your truth—the heart of stranger; your life—the Crucified.

William Whitla, tune: THAXTED

Dismissal

Deacon Followers of Jesus Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world that

God loves. Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude Choral Varié sur le Veni Creator; 4ième Variation Maurice Duruflé

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