PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL



The Ordination of Deacons

Derek Johnston
Anthony Lawrence
Kate Lloyd-Jones
Katherine Message
Heath Monaghan
Rajiv Sidhu
and Alison Waterhouse

by

The Commissary Bishop of Portsmouth

Saturday 26 June 2021

1100

To serve in the parish/benefice of

Derek Johnston Cosham and Wymering

Anthony (Tony) Lawrence Ventnor, Isle of Wight

Kate Lloyd-Jones Greatham, Empshott and Hawley

Katherine Message Harbour Church, Portsmouth

Heath Monaghan Bembridge and Ryde, Isle of Wight

Ordained Pioneer Minister

Rajiv Sidhu Copnor, St Cuthbert

Alison Waterhouse Petersfield and Buriton

WELCOME

We are delighted to welcome the families and friends of Derek, Tony, Kate Katherine, Heath, Rajiv and Alison, as well as representatives of the parishes where they will serve. Others from around the diocese and elsewhere in the country and wider church will be following this service online.

This service will start in the Nave and then, after the Ordinations, move into the Quire for the rest of the Eucharist so that we can seat as many supporters as safely as possible under continuing Covid guidelines. The two screens in the Nave should enable those seated here to be able to follow the later part of the service. Please ensure safe distancing when you move to receive Communion.

Please ensure mobile phones are switched off. There are suggestions for when to stand, sit or kneel, but if it is easier, please remain seated.

The Right Reverend Rob Wickham, Commissary Bishop of Portsmouth, is presiding. The Preacher is the Reverend Canon Dr Sandra Millar, Head of Welcome and Life Events for the Church of England.

The music setting used at this service, sung by the Cathedral Consort, is the Jazz Missa Brevis composed for Portsmouth Cathedral by Will Todd (b.1970).

Please, no photography or recording during the service; photos may be posed at the end of the service.





PREFACE & DECLARATION OF ASSENT

The Declaration of Assent is made by deacons, priests and bishops of the Church of England when they are ordained and on each occasion when they take up a new appointment. This Declaration has already been made by each candidate.

PREFACE

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?

DECLARATION OF ASSENT

Ordinand 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 authorized or allowed by Canon.

In case of emergency:

In the unlikely event of an emergency evacuation of the Cathedral, a member of Cathedral staff will make an announcement over the public address system.

You should remain in your place until directed by the sidespeople.

They can be identified by the badges they are wearing.

Please keep calm and quiet so that further announcements can be heard.

The muster point is the flag pole on the High Street side of the building.

Clergy and lay ministers will take their seats before the service starts.

At 1055, please remain seated as the Choir goes to St Thomas' Chapel and the Ordinands move to their seats in the Nave. The Dean welcomes the congregation.

The Gathering & Presentation

Please remain seated as the Choir sings the introit.

In your image I was made, for your majesty in me to be displayed.

Your intention, your design,

was that your holy face should be revealed in mine.

And for this purpose, Lord, you gave your Son to die for me; to suffer shame on my behalf upon the cross.

When I see his sacrifice, how willingly he paid the price,

all my earthly glories I consider loss.

I bow down at your feet, and my tongue confesses you are Christ my Lord.

You restored me, made me whole

and your loving kindness satisfies my soul.

You have bought me with your blood.

You have paid the ransom that I never could.

And for this purpose, Lord, you raised your Son to life for me.

Your love for me his Resurrection reaffirms,

and the good work you've begun will perform until your Son, in all his heavenly glory, to the earth return.

I bow down at your feet, and my tongue confesses you are Christ my Lord.

In your power you're changing me into the person I should be, to stand for all eternity before your throne.

Words: Anthony Green (b.1970) Music: Anthony Green, arr. Leddington Wright

All stand as the bell rings and the Commissary Bishop enters.

THE GREETING

The Bishop greets the people.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

There is one body and one spirit.

All There is one hope to which we were called;

One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

All one God and Father of all.

Peace be with you

All and also with you.

The congregation sits and the Bishop introduces the service.

Bishop

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 God's love and to work for the coming of his kingdom.

To serve this royal priesthood, God has given us a variety of ministries. Deacons are ordained so that the people of God may be better equipped to make Christ known. Theirs is a life of visible self-giving. Christ is the pattern of their calling and their commission; as he washed the feet of his disciples, so they must wash the feet of others.

THE PRESENTATION

The Venerable Jenny Rowley, Archdeacon of Portsdown, says

Reverend Father in God, I present these persons to be ordained to the office of deacon in the Church of God.

The names of the candidates are read and the parish where each will serve. When the ordinands have been presented, the Bishop asks these questions, to which the Diocesan Director of Vocations and Ordinands responds.

Bishop Have those whose duty it is to know these ordinands and examine them found them to be of godly life and sound learning?

DDVO They have.

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

DDVO They do.

The Bishop turns to the ordinands and says

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

Ordinands I do so believe.

Bishop Have these ordinands taken the necessary oaths and made the Declaration of Assent?

The Registrar replies

They have duly taken the oath of allegiance to the Sovereign and the oath of canonical obedience to the Bishop. They have affirmed and declared their 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'.

Please stand, if you are able, as the Choir sings the Gloria.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Gloria in excelsis Deo
et in terra pax
hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe, Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis; qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram; qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris. Amen. Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, goodwill to all people. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.

Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. 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.

Please remain standing.

THE COLLECT

Bishop Let us pray for Derek, Tony, Kate, Katherine, Heath, Rajiv and Alison - and for the ministry of the whole people of God.

A period of silence is kept.

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 servants 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.

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Amen.

All sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

READING read by the Revd Dr Richard Wyld – IME 2 Officer and Director of Portsmouth Pathway

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death of

and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

(2.1-11)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A time of silence is kept.

Please stand if you are able for the Gospel. Some people may turn to face towards the Gospel as it is proclaimed.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The words that I have spoken to you are spirit

and they are life, says the Lord.

cf John 6.63

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

lames and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.' When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

(10.35-45)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

After the Preacher's words of introduction, all sit.

SERMON The Reverend Canon Dr Sandra Millar

After the sermon a time of silence is kept.

The Liturgy of Ordination

THE DECLARATIONS

The ordinands stand. The Commissary Bishop then addresses the congregation.

Bishop

Deacons are called to work with the Bishop and the priests with whom they serve as heralds of Christ's kingdom. They are to proclaim the gospel in word and deed, as agents of God's purposes of love. They are to serve the community in which they are set, bringing to the Church the needs and hopes of all the people. They are to work with their fellow members in searching out the poor and weak, the sick and lonely and those who are oppressed and powerless, reaching into the forgotten corners of the world, that the love of God may be made visible.

Deacons share in the pastoral ministry of the Church and in leading God's people in worship. They preach the word and bring the needs of the world before the Church in intercession. They accompany those searching for faith and bring them to baptism. They assist in administering the sacraments; they distribute communion and minister to the sick and housebound.

Deacons are to seek nourishment from the Scriptures; they are to study them with God's people, that the whole Church may be equipped to live out the gospel in the world. They are to be faithful in prayer, expectant and watchful for the signs of God's presence, as he reveals his kingdom among us.

The Bishop addresses the ordinands directly.

We trust that you are fully determined, by the grace of God, to give yourself wholly to his service, that you may draw his people into that new life which God has prepared for those who love him.

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?

Ordinands 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?

Ordinands By the help of God, I will.

Do you believe the doctrine of the Christian faith as the Church of England has received it, and in your ministry will you expound and teach it?

Ordinands I believe it and will so do.

Will you strive to make the love of Christ known through word and example, and have a particular care for those in need?

Ordinands By the help of God, I will.

Will you be a faithful servant in the household of God, after the example of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve?

Ordinands 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?

Ordinands 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?

Ordinands By the help of God, I will.

Will you accept the discipline of this Church and give due respect to those in authority?

Ordinands 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 grow in holiness and grace?

Ordinands By the help of God, I will.

The ordinands turn to face the congregation. The Bishop addresses the congregation.

Bishop Brothers and sisters, you have heard how great is the charge that these ordinands are 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 ordinands turn back to face the Bishop, who continues, addressing them.

In the name of our Lord, we bid you remember the greatness of the trust in which you are now to share: the ministry of Christ himself, who for our sake took the form of a servant. Remember always with thanksgiving that the people among whom you will minister are made in God's image and likeness. In serving them you are serving Christ himself, before whom you will be called to account. 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 Bishop and ordinands kneel. The congregation kneels or remains seated as the Choir sings.

VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS

Bishop Choir 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 soilèd 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.

Words: tr. John Cosin (1594-1672)
Tune: VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS

All remain kneeling or seated.

THE INTERCESSIONS led by the Venerable Peter Leonard, Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight. The Choir sings the response.

In peace let us pray to the Lord:

Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

Lord Jesus, you called your disciples to take up the cross: deepen in each of us a sense of vocation...

Lord Jesus, you prayed for your Church to be one: unite all Christians that the world may believe...

Lord Jesus, at your call men and women forsook all to follow you: bless those to be ordained deacon and the parishes they will serve...

Lord Jesus, you broke down the walls that divide us: bring the people of this world to live in peace and concord...

Lord Jesus, you cured by your healing touch and word: heal the sick, comfort the bereaved and sustain all who care and welcome us all at the last into fullness of life...

THE ORDINATION PRAYER

The ordinands continue to kneel before the Bishop, who stands to pray.

Bishop 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.

All Lord, send your Spirit.

We praise and glorify you

because you sent your only Son Jesus Christ to take the form of a slave; he humbled himself for our sake, and in obedience accepted death, even death on a cross.

All Lord, send your Spirit.

We praise and glorify you because in every age you send your Spirit to fill those whom you have chosen, to equip your holy people for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ.

All Lord, send your Spirit.

And now we give you thanks that you have called these your servants, whom we ordain in your name, to share as deacons in the ministry of the gospel of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Therefore, Father, through Christ our Lord we pray.

Here the Bishop lays his hands on the head of each ordinand, saying

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

When the Bishop has laid hands on all the ordinands, the prayer continues.

Through your Spirit, heavenly Father, give these your servants grace and power to fulfil their ministry. Make them faithful to serve and constant in advancing your gospel in the world. May they follow the example of Jesus Christ your Son, who washed the feet of his disciples, and set the needs of others before his own.

May their life be disciplined and holy, their words declare your love and their actions reveal your glory, that your people may walk with them in the way of truth and be made ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; to whom, with you and your Holy Spirit, belong glory and honour, worship and praise, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The new deacons stand to put on their stoles.

Please stand, if you are able, to welcome the newly-ordained.

THE WELCOME

Dean We preach not ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

All We welcome you as fellow servants in the gospel: may Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

THE PEACE

Bishop We are all one in Christ Jesus.

All We belong to him through faith,

heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

All are invited safely to exchange a gesture of peace with those nearby.

Please sit as the Choir sings. The Bishop and newly-ordained move into the Quire. The rest of the Liturgy of the Eucharist takes place at the principal altar. No collection is taken, but please make a contactless donation or leave your GiftAid envelope at the exit, or use the QR code on the back of this order of service.

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want He makes me lie in pastures green. He leads me by the still, still waters, his goodness restores my soul.

> And I will trust in you alone, and I will trust in you alone, for your endless mercy follows me, your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness, and he anoints my head with oil, and my cup, it overflows with joy, I feast on his pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path, I will not fear the evil one, for you are with me, and your rod and staff are comfort I need to know.

Words and music: Stuart Townend (b. 1963)

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Bishop Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,

the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;

for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

Please stand, if you are able, for the Eucharistic Prayer.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Bishop The Lord be with you and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All 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 servant, Jesus Christ our Lord.

At his baptism he was revealed as your beloved Son.

Coming among us as one who serves,
he taught us that the greatest in your kingdom
are those who make themselves least and the servants of all.

Although he was their teacher and their Lord, he washed the feet of his disciples and commanded us to do the same, that we might reveal the power of your love, made perfect in our human weakness.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

The Choir sings.

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

Bishop We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, 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.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Remember Justin, our Archbishop, and your servants now ordained; may they be faithful stewards of your heavenly gifts.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Thomas of Canterbury, and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

A time of silence is kept. Then please sit or kneel.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bishop Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

All Our Father,

who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come;

thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation;

but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Bishop We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All Though we are many, we are one body,

because we all share in one bread.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Bishop God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

The newly-ordained receive Communion as the Choir sings.

Agnus Dei, Lamb of God,

qui tollis peccata mundi you take away the sin of the world:

miserere nobis. have mercy upon us.

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Agnus Dei, Lamb of God,

qui tollis peccata mundi you take away the sin of the world:

dona nobis pacem. grant us peace.

The words at the distribution will then be said once for the whole congregation.

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The ministers will give the host to each Communicant with no individual words to ensure the best safety of all who receive.

If you wish to receive Communion, please move when directed by the sidespeople, ensuring you remain safe-distanced from others at all times.

When you receive, please extend one hand in front of you. Then after you move away from the distribution point, please remove your face covering with your other hand and consume.

During the distribution the Choir sings.

Blessed Bread, everlasting life, sacred cup, eternal salvation.

Words and music: Margaret Rizza (b. 1929)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bishop Let us pray.

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

All We thank you, gracious Father, for welcoming your children to feast in your kingdom; by your love unite us and with your Spirit send us, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Sending Out

THE GIVING OF THE BIBLE

Bishop Receive this book
as a sign of the authority given you this day
to speak God's word to his people.
Build them up in his truth

and serve them in his name.

Please stand, if you are able, as the Choir sings the hymn, during which the Bishop gives a Bible to each newly-ordained deacon, together with their Letters of Orders and Licence.

Let all the world in every corner sing, 'My God and King!' The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly; the earth is not too low, his praises there may grow. Let all the world in every corner sing, 'My God and King!'

Let all the world in every corner sing, 'My God and King!'
The Church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out, but above all, the heart must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing: 'My God and King!'

Words: George Herbert (1593-1632)
Tune: LUCKINGTON

Please remain standing, if you are able, for the Blessing.

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Bishop God who has called you is faithful.

May the Father, whose glory fills the heavens, cleanse you by his holiness and send you to proclaim his word.

All Amen.

May Christ, who has ascended to the heights, pour upon you the riches of his grace.

All Amen.

May the Holy Spirit, the comforter, equip you and strengthen you in your ministry.

All Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

"Tu es Petra" - Henri Mulet (1878-1967)

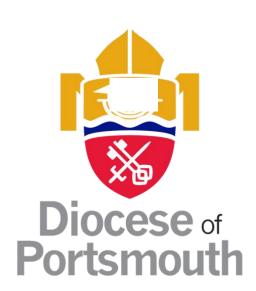
The newly-ordained deacons and their Training Incumbents process out after the Bishop to the West Doors, followed by other ministers and Choir.

Please ensure safe-distancing at all times as you leave.

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