The Ordination of Priests

President and Preacher
The Right Reverend Mark Wroe
Bishop of Berwick



Holy Trinity & St Mary, Berwick Saturday 3rd July, 2021, 11am

Introduction to the Ordination 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 a variety of 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.

Please pray God's blessing on all those to be ordained Priest at this time, for their training Incumbents and for the parishes where they are serving their title:

Phyllis Carruthers serving in the benefice of

Bamburgh, Belford and Lucker

Samantha Quilty serving in the benefice of Holy Island

Paul Rusby serving in the benefice of Morpeth

Thomas Sample serving in the benefice of

Berwick, Holy Trinity and St Mary

John Storey serving in the benefice of Upper Coquetdale

Order of Service

Veni, Sancte Spiritus - Alec Rowley (1892-1958) Down Ampney - Richard Popplewell (1935-2016) Veni, Creator Spiritus - Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

The Gathering and Presentation

The current restrictions do not allow congregational singing. All of the hymns will be sung by the choir only.

Please stand as the choir sings

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet thy tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like you his praise should sing? Alleluia, alleluia! praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour to our fathers in distress; praise him, still the same as ever, slow to blame and swift to bless; Alleluia, alleluia! glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us, well our feeble frame he knows; in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes: Alleluia, alleluia! widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face; sun and moon, bow down before him, praise him all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
praise with us the God of grace.

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

The Greeting

Please remain standing as the Bishop greets the people, saying:

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 Presentation

Please sit

The Ordinands are presented to the Bishop by the Archdeacon of Lindisfarne, the Venerable Dr Catherine Sourbut Groves.

Reverend Father in God, I present N to be ordained to the office of Priest in the Church of God; she/he is to serve in N

When the Ordinands have been presented, the Bishop asks these questions, to which the Archdeacon responds:

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

They have.

Do they believe them to be duly called to serve God in this ministry? **They do.**

The Bishop asks the Ordinands:

Do you believe that God is calling you to this ministry? I do so believe.

I invite the Archdeacon to confirm that the Ordinands have taken the necessary oaths and made the Declaration of Assent.

The Archdeacon says:

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.'

The Bishop introduces a period of silent prayer saying:

Let us pray for those to be ordained Priest: for Phyl, Sam, Paul, Tom, and John and for the ministry of the whole people of God.

The Collect

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.

All Amen.

The Ordinands return to their seats.

The First Lesson

Rev'd Canon Dennis Handley, Vicar, Holy Trinity & St Mary, Berwick

A reading from the book of Numbers (6: 22-27)

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Second Lesson

Rev'd Canon Rob Saner Haigh, Director of Mission and Ministry

A reading from St Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (11. 23-26)

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Gradual

We remain seated to listen and pray, as the choir sings:

Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here Come bow before Him now, with reverence and fear. In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground. Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still for the glory of the Lord, is shining all around; He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light! Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still for the power of the Lord, is moving in this place, He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace. No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him; Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

David J Evans

The Gospel Reading

Bishop Mark

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 10.35-45 **All Glory to you, O Lord**

James 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit

The Sermon

The Creed

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, 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 congregation sits, as the Ordinands make their way to the Nave Crossing

The Liturgy of Ordination

The Declarations

Those to be ordained stand before the Bishop, who addresses the congregation, saying:

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 women, 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 Ordinands directly, saying:

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 all.

Phyl, Sam, Paul, Tom, and John:

Do you accept the Holy Scriptures as revealing all things necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ?

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?

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? 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?

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? 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?

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?

By the help of God, I will.

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

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? By the help of God, I will.

The Ordinands turn, and the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying:

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 to face the Bishop once more, and he addresses them, saying:

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 Ordinands return to their seats.

A time of silent prayer is kept.

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 blessèd 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.



Words: John Cosin 1594-1672 after Veni Creator Spiritus Tune: Veni Creator (Mechlin) NEH 138 Music: plainsong

The Litany

The Diocesan Director of Mission and Ministry

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

All 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 Father.

All 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.

All Lord, have mercy.

For Christine and Mark, our Bishops, and for all bishops, priests and deacons, that they may hunger for truth and thirst after righteousness, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For Phyl, Sam, Paul, Tom, and John, called to be priests in his Church, let us pray to the Lord.

All 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.

All 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.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who do not yet believe, that they may receive the light of the gospel, and for those whose faith has grown cold, let us pray to the Lord.

All 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.

All 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.

All Lord, have mercy.

For Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

All 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.

All Lord, have mercy.

Remembering all who have gone before us in faith, and in communion with all the saints, we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God;

All to you, O Lord. Amen.

The Ordinands stand and come forward to take their places on either side of the dais, and the Bishop says:

The Ordination Prayer

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 these your servants, whom we ordain in your name, to share as priests 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:

The Ordinands kneel, one by one, before the Bishop, who says

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

The current restrictions only allow two priests to join the bishop in the laying on of hands. In turn, the Training Incumbent and Director of Mission and Ministry, each lay their hands on the Ordinand's head, saying

Lord, send down your spirit

The Bishop continues with the ordination prayer

Through your Spirit, heavenly Father, give these your servants 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.

All Amen.

The Presentation of Bibles and adjustment of Stoles

The newly ordained Priests stand and adjust their stoles from the manner of that of a Deacon to that of a Priest. The Bishop then gives a Bible to each of them.

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

The bishop 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 Welcome

The Priests turn to face the congregation and the Bishop says:

God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

All We welcome you as ambassadors for Christ: let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

The congregation greets the new Priests with applause.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Please stand

The Peace

The Bishop introduces the Peace, saying:

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 us the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Altar

During the following hymn the bread and wine will be placed on the altar, and the Eucharistic Ministers take their places in the sanctuary.

The Offertory Hymn

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 and the night, Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and 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 my Breastplate, my Sword for the fight; Be Thou my whole Armour, be Thou my true Might; Be Thou my soul's Shelter, be Thou my strong Tower, O raise Thou me heav'nward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise; Be Thou mine inheritance, now and always; Be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart, O high King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright Sun, O grant me its joys, after vict'ry is won; Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be Thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Mary Byrne (1880-1931 versifiend Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All 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 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 singing:

The Choir sings the Sanctus & Benedictus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts
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.



The Bishop continues the prayer saying:

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.

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.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with 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

Please kneel or sit

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we 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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

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.

The Invitation to Communion

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 priests will receive Holy Communion from the Bishop before the rest of the congregation.

During the distribution, the Choir sings:

Come down, O Love divine! seek out this soul of mine and visit it with Thine own ardour glowing; O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.

There let it freely burn till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let Thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
my outward vesture be,
and lowliness become my inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart
which takes the humbler part,
and for its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong with which the soul will long shall far surpass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace till we become the place in which the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Discendi, amor santo Bianco da Siena (1367 - 1434) adapted by Richard F Littledale (1833 - 1890)

Anthem

Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her flight, Like the vigour of the wind's rush, like the new flame's eager might: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ's body, to the branches of the vine, to the church in faith assembled, to her midst as gift and sign: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer, with the power to love and witness, with the peace beyond compare:

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Alan Smith (b 1962)

Prayer after Communion

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.

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.

Please stand

The Sending Out

The Bishop says:

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 peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

The Hymn

The Choir sings as the procession leaves the church. Please stand.

O, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise, The glories of my God and king, The triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim, To spread through all the earth abroad, The honours of Thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease; 'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of cancelled sin, He sets the pris'ner free; His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

He speaks, and, list'ning to His voice, New life the dead receive, The mournful, broken hearts rejoice, The humble poor believe.

Glory to God, and praise and love Be ever, ever giv'n By saints below and saints above, The church in earth and heav'n.

Charles Wesley (1707 – 1788)

Please remain standing until the Procession has left the Church.