

COMMISSIONING OF Authorised lay ministers

BY THE RIGHT REVEREND RUTH BUSHYAGER BISHOP OF HORSHAM

DURING THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

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Please pray for those to be commissioned as Authorised Lay Ministers in this Eucharist and the parishes in which they will serve:

CARE OF CREATION AND ECO-CHURCH

CHRIS AITKEN	St Helen, Ore
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LIESL GARRY	St John's, Broadbridge Heath
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Mike Harding	St Augustine's, Scaynes Hill
TONI HAYES	St Mary's, Pulborough
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WORSHIP AND LITURGY ELECTIVE

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ORDER OF SERVICE

THE GATHERING

Please stand as the procession enters.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



Jesus calls us here to meet him as, through word and song and prayer, we affirm God's promised presence where his people live and care. Praise the God who keeps his promise; praise the Son who calls us friends; praise the Spirit who, among us, to our hopes and fears attends. Jesus calls us to confess him Word of life and Lord of all, sharer of our flesh and frailness, saving all who fail or fall. Tell his holy human story; tell his tales that all may hear; tell the world that Christ in glory came to earth to meet us here.

Jesus calls us to each other, vastly different though we are; creed and colour, class and gender, neither limit nor debar. Join the hand of friend and stranger; join the hands of age and youth; join the faithful and the doubter in their common search for truth.

Jesus calls us to his table rooted firm in time and space, where the Church in earth and heaven finds a common meeting place. Share the bread and wine, his body; share the love of which we sing; share the feast for saints and sinners hosted by our Lord and King.

Sing Praise 218 John L. Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (1958-2019) Blaenwern William Rowlands (1860-1937)

THE GREETING

The Bishop greets the people:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Peace be with you and also with you.

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

In baptism we died with Christ, so that as Christ was raised from the dead, we might walk in newness of life. Let us receive new life in him as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

The Bishop pronounces the Absolution:

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**





THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Read by Alison Hassell Assistant Warden for Lay Ministry, Hastings Archdeaconry

My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Isaiah 55: 8-11

THE SECOND READING

Read by The Reverend Steve Gurr Tutor for the Chaplaincy elective

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Romans 12: 1-8

Please stand.

HYMN



Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey and companions on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you; I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through. When we sing to God in heaven we shall find such harmony, born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

Common Praise 393 Richard Gillard (b.1953) Servant Song Richard Gillard (b.1953)

THE GOSPEL READING

Read by The Reverend Beverley Miles Tutor for the Pastoral Elective

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore. **Alleluia.**

When the Gospel is announced, the reader says

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.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

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

John 15: 12-17

Please remain standing until the Sermon has been introduced.

SERMON

The Bishop of Horsham The Right Reverend Ruth Bushyager

COMMISSIONING OF AUTHORISED LAY MINISTERS

The Bishop invites the candidates for Authorised Lay Ministry to stand, and says

We are called to be the Body of Christ, the community of the Holy Spirit. The risen Lord Jesus pours out on his baptized people gifts and graces for the various tasks of the Church.

Today we commission these people who have been selected to be authorised for ministry as pastoral carers, as worship leaders, as preachers and small group leaders, and for ministry in chaplaincy, rural ministry, care for creation and in mission.

The candidates are presented to the Bishop by The Reverend Jayne Prestwood, Officer for Lay Vocation and Ministry:

Bishop Ruth, I present these persons to be commissioned as Authorised Lay Ministers.

The Bishop asks

Have they been sufficiently prepared for the duties of this office? *Officer:* They have.

The Bishop addresses those to be commissioned:

Sisters and brothers, you have been trained as Authorised Lay Ministers to serve in your parishes and communities. I now ask you to answer before God and in the presence of this congregation:

Will you undertake your tasks wholeheartedly, faithfully, and alive to the joy that Christian service brings? *Candidates:* I will, with God's help, and the prayerful support of others.

The Bishop then addresses the congregation, saying

You have heard our brothers and sisters affirm their intention. Will you pray for them, support and encourage them, so that Christ's church in this diocese may be built up in love? *All:* We will, with God's help.

The Bishop addresses the candidates:

I commission you for the ministries to which you have been called, and assure you of my prayers and support.

Peter Mansell, Warden for Lay Ministry, calls forward the candidates by name and ministry focus and they receive their certificates. The Bishop blesses the newly commissioned Authorised Lay Ministers:

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. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Led by Peter Mansell, Warden for Lay Ministry

Please sit or stand. These responses are used:

Lord, in your mercyorLord, hear us.hear our prayer.Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end:

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PEACE

Please stand.

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

HYMN

As we sing, the bread and wine are brought to the altar, and a collection is taken.

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I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

> Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone,
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

> Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them, my hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied, I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

> Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

Common Praise 470

Words and music: Dan Schutte (b. 1947)

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

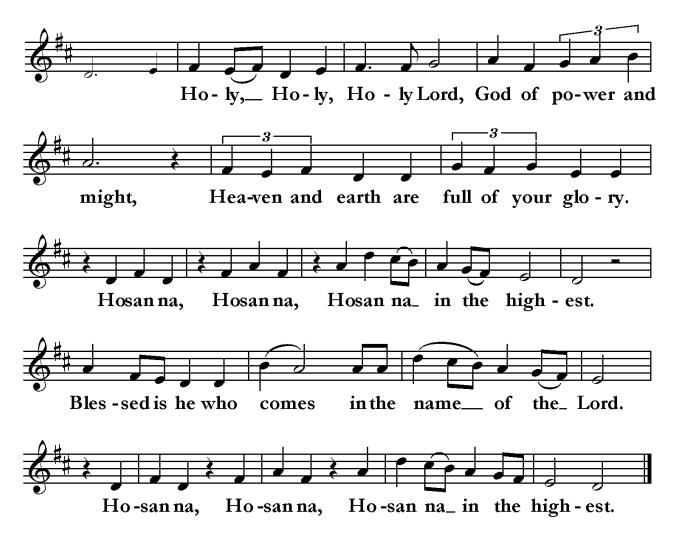
The Bishop says

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, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works. For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory.



The Eucharistic Prayer continues:

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; 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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus: Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise: **Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

You are invited either to sit or remain standing.

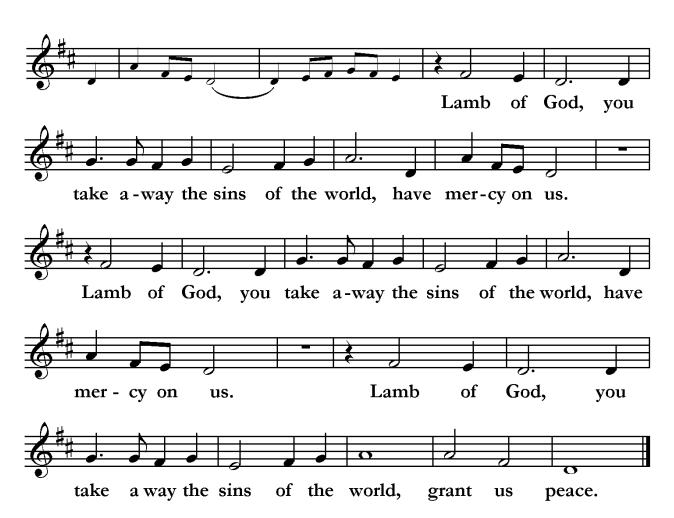
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

The Bishop breaks the consecrated 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

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us. **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Bishop and people receive communion. Please sit until directed by the Stewards.

Members of all Christian churches are welcome to receive communion if they wish. Please indicate if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please come to the communion station and bow your head.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION



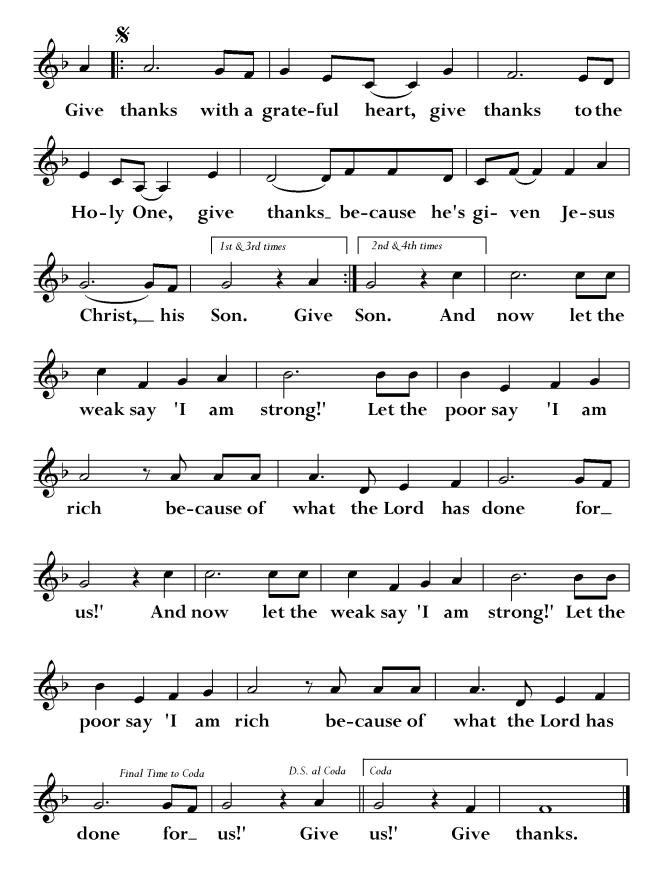
In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song; this Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand. In Christ alone! – who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save: till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied – for every sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain: then bursting forth in glorious day up from the grave he rose again! And as he stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me, for I am his and he is mine bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me; from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand; till he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Sing Praise 286

Words and music: Stuart Townend (b. 1963) and Keith Getty (b. 1974)



Words and music: Henry Smith (b. 1952)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Please stand.

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Father of all,

we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT

HYMN



Go at the call of God, the call to follow on, to leave security behind and go where Christ has gone. Go in the name of God, the name of Christ you bear; take up the cross, the Saviour's love with all the world to share.

Go in the love of God, explore its depth and height, held fast by love that cares and heals, in love walk in the light. Go in the strength of God, in weakness prove God true; the strength that dares to love and serve God will pour out in you. Go with the saints of God, our common life upbuild, that daily as we walk God's way we may with love be filled. O God to you we come, your power alone to know, your name to own, your strength to prove, and at your call to go.

Rosalind Brown (b. 1953)

Diademata G. J. Elvey (1816-1893)

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

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.**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

CLOSING MUSIC

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT Op. 65, No. 59 Sigrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

Please remain standing as the procession departs, and then sit for a period of quiet contemplation as the organ voluntary is played.

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