



THE CHRISM EUCHARIST

*with the Reaffirmation of Ordination Commitment
and the Blessing of the Oils*

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The celebrant at this service is The Lord Bishop of Chichester, The Right Reverend Dr Martin Warner.

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THE CHRISM EUCHARIST

At his Last Supper, on the eve of his death, Jesus gave his disciples 'a new commandment, that you love one another.' Maundy Thursday brings together a number of related themes: the sacrificial love of Jesus, the love of Christians for one another, the inauguration of the Eucharist and our participation in the royal priesthood of the church. Although for practical reasons we celebrate the Renewal of Ministerial Commitment and the Blessing of the Oils earlier in the week, we should remember its link with Maundy Thursday.

Because Christians as a whole are a priestly people, called 'to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ', this should not be an exclusive clerical service. Rather it should be an opportunity for all disciples of Jesus Christ to renew their commitment to serve him and proclaim the glorious Word of God. The Christian is called to make Christ known and wherever we are to bear witness to Christ in word and action. We are called to bear witness to Christ everywhere, to proclaim the wonderful works of God and to give glory to God through our lives.

'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... To serve this royal priesthood, God has given particular ministries.' These words from the Ordination service make it clear that clergy and lay people alike share in the one royal priesthood of Jesus Christ with its privilege and obligation to live and proclaim his Gospel.

At this Chrism Eucharist we are all invited to commit ourselves afresh to God's call to follow Christ as members of his royal priesthood. Our bishops, priests and deacons are invited to renew their ordination vows and promise to serve Christ and his people faithfully.

Let us then pray for one another and encourage each other in our various ministries.

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORDER OF PROCESSION

Verger
Choir
Crucifer and Acolytes
Deacon of the Gospel

Lay Readers
Permanent Deacons
Priests of the Diocese

Verger
Cathedral Priest Vicar
College of Canons

Verger
Archdeacons
Residentiary Canons
Honorary Assistant Bishops
Suffragan Bishops
The Dean

Verger
Deacons of the Oils

Deacon of the Eucharist
Bishop of Chichester
Bishop's Chaplain

THE GATHERING

Please stand as the procession enters.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature. The second staff ends with the word "Fine". The fourth staff ends with the word "D.C.".

***Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name!***

**Come, Christians, follow where our Saviour trod,
o'er death victorious, Christ the Son of God:**

**Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in joyful praise combine:**

**Each new disciple of the Crucified
is called to bear the seal of him who died:**

**Saved by the Cross whereon their Lord was slain,
now Adam's children their lost home regain:**

**From north and south, from east and west they raise
in growing harmony their song of praise:**

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us unto thee:

From farthest regions, let them homage bring,
and on his Cross adore their Saviour King:

Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing peace:

For thy blest Cross, which doth for all atone,
creation's praises rise before thy throne:

Scared by the strain, the powers of darkness flee,
and Christ is Lord, his Death is victory.

Armed with the Cross we fight the arduous fight,
and vanquish Satan's wiles by Jesus' might.

So as we move together towards the end,
Faith, Hope, and Charity divinely blend.

Where throned in Glory sits the Crucified,
with whom is endless life because he died.

Then shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Lord, who wrought that victory.

***Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name!***

George William Kitchin (1827-1912)
and Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956)

Crucifer
Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)

THE GREETING

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

All **Amen.**

Jesus Christ has made us a kingdom of priests
to serve his God and Father.

All **Glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.**

Peace be with you

All **and also with you.**

The Bishop introduces the service.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.
Our sins accuse us: we confess them to God.

Christ came in humility to share our lives: forgive our pride.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ came with good news for all people: forgive our silence.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Christ came in love to a world of suffering: forgive our self-centredness.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

May Almighty God have mercy upon us,
forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

All **Amen.**

The choir leads the congregation in singing

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Refrain:

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est.
Peace to his peo - ple, peace on earth.

Choir Glory to God, glory in the highest.
Peace to his people, peace on earth.

All **Glory to God, glory in the highest.**
Peace to his people, peace on earth.

Choir Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father:

All **Glory to God, glory in the highest.**
Peace to his people, peace on earth.

Choir We worship you,

All glo - ry in the high - est,

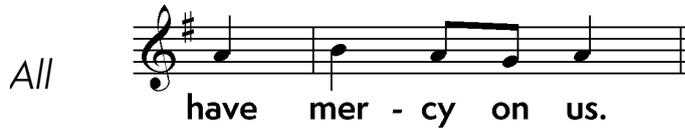
Choir give you thanks,

All glo - ry in the high - est,

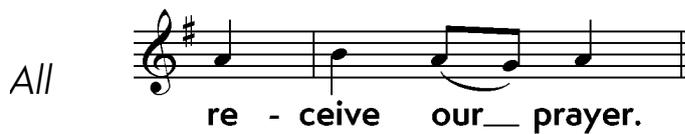
Choir praise you for your glory.

All **Glory to God, glory in the highest.**
Peace to his people, peace on earth.

Choir Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us,



Choir You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
receive our prayer,



Choir Glory to God, glory in the highest.
Peace to his people, peace on earth.

All **Glory to God, glory in the highest.**
Peace to his people, peace on earth.

Choir 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.

All **Glory to God, glory in the highest.**
Peace to his people, peace on earth.

Choir Amen.

Coventry Gloria
Peter Jones (1951-2016)

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

A period of silent prayer is kept.

Heavenly Father,
who anointed your Son Jesus Christ
with the Holy Spirit and with power
to bring to the world the blessings of your kingdom:
anoint your Church with the same Holy Spirit,
that we who share in his suffering and his victory
may bear witness to the gospel of salvation;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Please sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Read by Ian Tout, Bishop's Palace Administrator

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

1 Samuel 3: 1-10

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

Read by Jeannette Sax, PA to the Bishop of Chichester

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.
So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Revelation 1: 5b-8

Please stand.

HYMN



**O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heavenly frame;
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb!**

**Return, O holy Dove, return,
sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
and drove thee from my breast.**

**The dearest idol I have known,
whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from thy throne,
and worship only thee.**

**So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb.**

*NEH 414
William Cowper (1731-1800)*

*Caithness
Melody from the Scottish Psalter (1635)*

THE GOSPEL READING

The Deacon says

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

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

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment.

Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him – that she is a sinner.' Jesus spoke up and said to him, 'Simon, I have something to say to you.' 'Teacher,' he replied. 'Speak.' 'A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?' Simon answered, 'I suppose the one for whom he cancelled the greater debt.' And Jesus said to him, 'You have judged rightly.'

Then turning towards the woman, he said to Simon, 'Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great

love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.' Then he said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven.' But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, 'Who is this who even forgives sins?' And he said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Luke 7: 36-50

Please remain standing until invited to sit.

SERMON

*The Lord Bishop of Chichester
The Right Reverend Dr Martin Warner*

THE REAFFIRMATION OF ORDINATION COMMITMENT

The congregation remains seated.

The Bishop of Chichester invites priests and deacons to stand and says to them:

My brothers and sisters, at his Last Supper, our Lord Jesus Christ gave his disciples a new commandment, that they should love one another, and he prayed that they might be one. He gave them an everlasting sign of his own love, in the sacrament of his body and blood. He consecrated himself to his Father's service, to be the high priest of the New Covenant.

Today, as we approach the threshold of the paschal mystery, I invite priests and deacons to renew the commitment they made at their ordination, and to offer themselves anew in Christ's service.

At your ordination you accepted the yoke of Christ for love of the Lord and his Church. Are you resolved to unite yourself more closely to Christ and to become more like him, joyfully sacrificing your own pleasures and ambitions to bring his peace and love to your brothers and sisters?

Clergy **I am, with the help of God.**

With the example of the Lord who washed his disciples' feet, will you be faithful in serving the needs of others and diligent in caring for those in need and trouble, in strengthening the faithful and in searching out the indifferent and the lost?

Clergy **I will, by the grace of God.**

Will you fashion your life according to the pattern of Christ, that you may be a true pastor, by word and example, to the people among whom you serve?

Clergy **I will, by the grace of God.**

Will you encourage the priestly ministry of all the baptized, working in partnership with all whom the Lord has given you, in building up the Church and the kingdom?

Clergy **I will, by the grace of God.**

Will you be a faithful minister of the mysteries of God by leading the worship of his people with devotion and care, and by teaching the Christian faith with joy and conviction?

Clergy **I will, by the grace of God.**

Will you continue to follow in the way of Christ, the head and shepherd of the Church of God, whose grace is sufficient to meet your need?

Clergy **I will, by the grace of God.**

Bishops who are present now stand and the Bishop of Chichester continues:

As the High Priest and Shepherd of our souls Jesus Christ ever lives to intercede for us with God our Father. As Deacon, he gave his life as a ransom for many, liberating us into the freedom of his kingdom of justice and peace.

As your bishop(s) we commit ourselves afresh to the truth of his Gospel as the inspiration of our calling to be evangelists, stewards of the mysteries of God and living signs of his kingdom.

Pray that God will enlarge our sympathies with the abundance of his wisdom and love, that serving diligently in this household of faith, we may guide and encourage you in your life and ministry.

Pray that at the last we will all be presented blameless before the throne of grace, through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom, with the Father and the Holy Spirit belong glory and honour, worship and praise, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

All stand.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Led by Lisa Williamson, Diocesan Communications & Engagement Officer;
Sarah Rogers, Parish Support Team Leader; and Mandy Gander, Finance
Assistant*

The Bishop says

As we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery, let us earnestly pray to God for those on the road to baptism and for all who seek life in Christ.

First Intercessor:

For the Church throughout the world,
as she proclaims the death and resurrection of Christ,

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For Martin our bishop,
Ruth bishop of Horsham, William bishop of Lewes,
for bishops, priests and deacons and all who minister in Christ,
and for all the holy people of God,

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For candidates for baptism in every congregation,

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Second Intercessor:

For all peoples on earth, filled with the Spirit of God,

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For justice, mercy, and peace throughout the world,

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For all those in danger and need:
the sick and the suffering,
prisoners, refugees and their families,
the hungry, homeless, and oppressed,

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Third Intercessor:

For the dying and those who have died,

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For our families, friends, and companions,
and for all those we love,

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Lifting our voices with all creation,
with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints,
let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God
through Christ our Lord.

All **To you, O Lord.**

The Bishop prays:

Eternal God,
who sent your anointed Son among us
to bring good news to all peoples,
receive the prayers we offer this day
and grant that those who receive these holy oils
may join him in his death and resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

THE BLESSING OF THE OILS

Remain standing as the deacons bring the oils to be blessed. The choir sings

*O Redemptor, sume carmen
temet concinentium.*

*O Redeemer, hear the song
of those who sing before you now.*

*Audi Judex mortuorum,
una spes mortalium,
audi voces proferentur
donum pacis praevium.*

*Hear, O Judge of those departed,
only hope of mortal life,
hear, the voices bring to you a gift,
a harbinger of peace.*

*Arbor foeta alma luce
hoc sacrandum protulit:
fert hoc prona praesens turba
Salvatori saeculi.*

*Once the olive tree, in sunshine,
brought forth fruit for hallowing:
now the crowd presents its oil
before the Saviour of the world.*

*Stans ad aram imo supplex
infulatus pontifex,
debitum persolvit omne,
consecrato Chrismate.*

*At the altar deeply pleading
suppliant stands the vested priest,
and with consecrated Chrism
sets us free from every sin.*

*Consecrare tu dignare,
Rex perennis patriae,
hoc olivum, signum vivum,
jura contra daemonum.*

*King of our eternal homeland,
vouchsafe now to consecrate
oil of olive, living symbol,
shield against the devil's might.*

*O Redemptor, sume carmen
temet concinentium.*

*O Redeemer, hear the song
of those who sing before you now.*

Venantius Fortunatus (530-609)

The Bishop says

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
All **who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.**

A deacon presents the oil for the sick, saying

The oil for the anointing of the sick and dying.

The Bishop says

Lord God, loving Father,
you bring healing to the sick through your Son Jesus Christ.
Hear us as we pray to you in faith,
and send the Holy Spirit, our Helper and Friend,
that this oil, which nature has given to serve our needs,
may be a sign of your healing grace.
May your blessing come upon all who are anointed with this oil,
that they may be freed from pain and illness
and made well again in body, mind, and soul.
Father, may this oil be blessed for our use
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

A deacon presents the oil of the catechumens, saying

The oil for the signing of the cross at baptism.

The Bishop says

Lord God, protector of all who believe in you,
bless this oil and give wisdom and strength
to all who are anointed with it in preparation of their baptism.
Bring them to a deeper understanding of the gospel,
help them to accept the challenge of Christian living,
and lead them to the joy of new birth
in the family of your Church.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

A deacon presents the oil of chrism, saying

The oil of chrism for anointing at confirmation and ordination.

The Bishop sings

Father, we thank you for the gifts you have given us in your love:
we thank you for life itself and for the many gifts
that strengthen and enrich it.

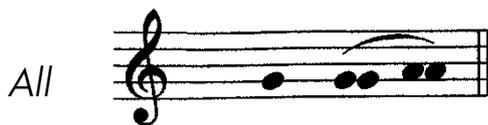
In the Old Covenant you made this oil a sign of consecration,
and when the fullness of time had come
you brought that mystery to perfection
in the life of our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.

In his suffering and death he offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. He revealed the resurrection by rising to new life. He sent your Spirit to fill the Church with every gift needed to complete your saving work.

This holy oil is a sign of your love for your people and of your will that they should have life in abundance. By anointing them with the Spirit, you strengthen your people and transform them into the likeness of Christ your Son, giving them a share in his royal, priestly, and prophetic work.

And so, Father, by the power of your love, make this mixture of oil and perfume a sign of your blessing. Pour out the gifts of your Holy Spirit on our brothers and sisters who will be anointed with it. Let the splendour of holiness shine on the world from every place and thing signed with this oil.

Above all, Father, we pray that through this sign of your anointing you will grant increase to your Church until it reaches the eternal glory where you, Father, will be all in all, together with Christ your Son, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.



A - men.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

Remain standing. The Bishop says

Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God in one body by the Cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

during which the bread and wine are brought to the altar



**Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise,
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.**

O loving wisdom of our God!
when all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail;

And that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.

O generous love! that he who smote
in Man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man
for man should undergo;

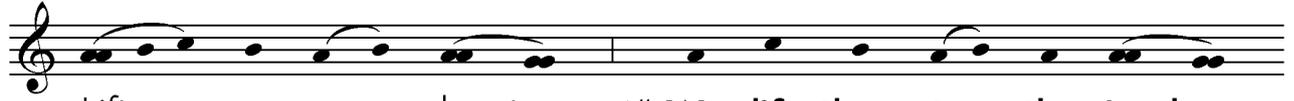
And in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise,
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



The_ Lord be_ with you *All* and_ al - so_ 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
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
By the outpouring of your Holy Spirit
you anointed him to be the servant of all
and ordained that he should enter into your kingdom through suffering.
And now he stands by us and pours out for our healing
the oil of consolation and the wine of renewed hope.
In your wisdom and love you anoint your holy people
to be a royal priesthood,
to share in Christ's suffering
and to reveal his glory to the world.
Therefore earth unites with heaven to sing a new song of praise;
we too join with angels and archangels
as they proclaim your glory without end:

The choir sings

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Missæ Brevis
William Walton (1902-1983)

The Eucharistic Prayer continues:

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father,
who, in your tender mercy,
gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;
who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered
a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction
for the sins of the whole world;
he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray,
and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine,
according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution,
in remembrance of his death and passion,
may be partakers of his most blessed body and 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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

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

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father,
in remembrance of the precious death and passion,
the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension
of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
we offer you through him this our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death,
and through faith in his blood,
we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins
and all other benefits of his passion.
Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins,
to offer you any sacrifice,
yet we pray that you will accept this
the duty and service that we owe.

Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences,
and fill us all who share in this holy communion
with your grace and heavenly blessing;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.



A - men.

Please remain standing.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Bishop invites the congregation to pray:

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

The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread and says

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 choir sings

AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

*Missa Brevis
William Walton (1902-1983)*

GIVING OF COMMUNION

The Bishop says

Behold the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

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

Members of all Christian churches are welcome to receive communion. 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.

After you have received communion, please try to maintain a prayerful silence.

During communion, the choir sings

THE MOTET

○ sacrum convivium! in quo Christus sumitur:
recolitur memoria passionis ejus:
mens impletur gratia:
et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.

*○ sacred banquet! in which Christ is received:
the memory of his Passion is renewed:
the mind is filled with grace:
and a pledge of future glory is given to us.*

The following hymns may also be sung:

HYMN DURING COMMUNION



What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer,
there is no more for heaven now to give;
he is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
for my life is wholly bound to his;
oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken,
for by my side, the Saviour he will stay;
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing,
for in my need, his power is displayed.
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me,
through the deepest valley he will lead;
oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,
the future sure, the price it has been paid;
for Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
and he was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated,
Jesus now and ever is my plea;
oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
for he has said that he will bring me home;
and day by day I know he will renew me,
until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
all the glory evermore to him;
when the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Words and Music: Jonny Robinson, Michael Ray Farren, and Richard C. Thompson

HYMN DURING COMMUNION



**Sweet Sacrament divine,
hid in thine earthly home,
lo, round thy lowly shrine,
with suppliant hearts we come;
Jesu, to thee our voice we raise
in songs of love and heartfelt praise:
sweet Sacrament divine,
sweet Sacrament divine.**

**Sweet Sacrament of peace,
dear home for every heart,
where restless yearnings cease
and sorrows all depart;
there in thine ear all trustfully
we tell our tale of misery:
sweet Sacrament of peace,
sweet Sacrament of peace.**

Sweet Sacrament of rest,
ark from the ocean's roar,
within thy shelter blest
soon may we reach the shore;
save us, for still the tempest raves,
save, lest we sink beneath the waves:
sweet Sacrament of rest,
sweet Sacrament of rest.

Sweet Sacrament divine,
earth's light and jubilee,
in thy far depths doth shine
the Godhead's majesty;
sweet light, so shine on us, we pray
that earthly joys may fade away:
sweet Sacrament divine,
sweet Sacrament divine.

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Divine Mysteries
Words and music: Francis Stanfield (1835-1914)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Bishop says

Let us pray.

Please stand.

Lord God almighty,
you have given us fresh strength in these sacramental gifts.
Renew in us the image of Christ crucified.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

All **Amen.**

THE SENDING OUT

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Bishop says

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

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
All **who has made heaven and earth.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord,
All **now and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, who for the salvation of the human race
gives to his people many gifts and ministries
to the advancement of his glory,
stir up the gifts of his grace,
sustain each one of you in your own ministry;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.
All **Amen.**

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

HYMN

during which the oils are carried in procession to be distributed



Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for the church, as we recall our story,
set free by grace while shaped by text and creed;
help us today to glimpse again your glory,
Lord of the church, our hungry spirits feed.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

**Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.**

**Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.**

*Common Praise 81
Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)
v.2 by David Stone*

*Lord of the Years
Michael Baughen (b. 1930)
arranged by David Iliff (1939-2024)*

CLOSING MUSIC

FINAL from ORGAN SYMPHONY NO. 1 *Louis Vierne (1870-1937)*

After the service, those who wish to collect oils for use in the parishes should proceed through to the Eastern Arm of the Cathedral, following the direction of the stewards. Each of the oils will be available at three dispensing positions.

ORDER OF RECESSION

Verger
Crucifer and Acolytes
Deacons carrying the Oils
Deacon of the Gospel and Deacon of the Eucharist
Bishop of Chichester
Bishop's Chaplain

Verger
Choir
Lay Readers
Permanent Deacons
Priests of the Diocese

Verger
Cathedral Priest Vicar
College of Canons

Verger
Archdeacons
Residentiary Canons
Honorary Assistant Bishops
Suffragan Bishops
The Dean

THE OILS

In the Old Testament the anointing of a person with oil had a particular religious significance as it set them apart for God either as a priest (*Exodus 30: 30-32*) or as king (*1 Samuel 10: 1; 16: 12-13; 2 Samuel 5: 3*). All Christian followers are people set apart, holy to the Lord; not for their own sakes but to serve God. Christian worship assimilated this Old Testament use of oil and it is appropriate during Holy Week as we reflect on Jesus, the Christ, the 'Anointed One', that the olive oils should be blessed and made available for our use.

Historically the oils were blessed because they were needed for initiation rites during the Easter celebrations. For centuries ministers during Holy Week have joined with their Bishop in preparation for the celebration of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection and received for their parishes the oils which are used in the Church's sacramental ministry.

The first oil is **the Oil of the Sick** for use in the Church's ministry of healing and wholeness, following the example of the Apostles (*Mark 6: 13*) and the teaching of James (*James 5: 14-15*): 'Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the Church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.' Oil soothes and heals and the Oil of the Sick blessed at this service is a sign of the Anointed One; those who are anointed with the oil receive the healing, saving power of the Messiah. The anointing of the sick is linked to the sacraments of baptism and confirmation as sickness and death itself are united to the passion and death of Jesus into whose life we are baptized and transformed into signs of hope.

The Oil of Baptism awaits the hundreds throughout the diocese who will be baptized into the life of Christ – making new Christians! We remember how in the gospels Peter acknowledged Jesus as 'the Christ' (*Mark 8: 29*), recognising him as the Lord's anointed (*Christos*, in Greek, *Messiah* in Hebrew). As Jesus had been anointed with an outpouring of the Holy Spirit at his baptism (*Acts 10: 38*) so from the earliest times, it became the Church's custom to trace the sign of the cross in oil (the Oil of Catechumens) on the heads of candidates for baptism, as a sign of their anointing with the Holy

Spirit in union with Christ. The New Testament speaks of the gift of the Holy Spirit as anointing (*1 John 2: 20; 2 Corinthians 1: 21-22*).

The Oil of Chrism has perfume and balsam added to make it fragrant. The oil is used for a variety of consecrations – confirmation, at the ordination of priests and bishops, and in the consecration of church buildings and altars. As priests and monarchs in the Hebrew scriptures were anointed with oil to set them apart for God’s service (*Exodus 29: 7*) so the Chrism Oil is used at the ordination of priests of the New Covenant, and at confirmations, as a sign that candidates sealed with the Spirit confirm their place in the ‘royal priesthood’ of Christ and the Church (*1 Peter 2: 9*) – the ‘kingdom and priests serving our God’ (*Revelation 5: 10*).

These are some of the biblical and historical roots which help us in our understanding of the use of these oils in the Church’s sacramental ministry: the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of the Catechumens and the Oil of Chrism that are blessed for our use at this Chrism Eucharist.

THE USE OF THE OILS

At the end of the liturgy, the Oils are distributed to the clergy and other representatives of the parishes of the diocese. These oils replace those blessed last year and are used in the ministry of the Church throughout the coming year, especially at the baptisms and confirmations of Eastertide. They should be reverently kept in a secure place and be used only for the purposes for which they have been provided, by authorised ministers and according to approved rites. Further supplies are kept at the Palace in Chichester should more be needed during the year.

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