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with the Renewal of Ordination Vows,
the Celebration of Ministries and
the Blessing of the Holy Oils

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The Right Reverend Martyn Snow
Bishop of Leicester

Deacon

The Revd Maria Jukes

Preacher

The Right Reverend Robert Freeman
Honorary Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Leicester

11.00am

Thursday 1 April 2021
Maundy Thursday

The oil used today is Zaytoun Fair-Trade olive oil from Palestine.

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GATHERING

The Organist plays as we gather for the service. Bishop Martyn leads

The Greeting

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

Amen.

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

Glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.

Grace, mercy and peace be with you
and also with you.

The Bishop welcomes the Congregation and introduces the Service.

The Prayers of Penitence

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

**Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

cf Hosea 6

The Bishop pronounces

The Absolution

The Lord enrich you with his grace,
and nourish you with his blessing;
the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil;
the Lord accept your prayers,
and absolve you from your offences,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.
Amen.

The Choir leads the singing of

The Gloria



**Glory in the highest to the God of heaven!
Peace to all your people through the earth be given:
mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,
singing alleluias to our heavenly King.**

**Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son:
with the Holy Spirit, you are Lord alone!
Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,
show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.**

**Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy one,
seated now and reigning from your Father's throne:
Lord and God, we praise you; highest heaven adores:
in the Father's glory, all the praise be yours!**

*EVELYNS (AM98i)
William Henry Monk (1823–1889)*

Christopher Idle (b.1938)

The Collect

Let us pray.

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.
Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

All sit for

The Reading

2 Corinthians 4.4–12

Read by The Revd Rosie Woodall, Bishop's Chaplain

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand. The Deacon reads

The Gospel Reading

Luke 22.24–30

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles

lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

‘You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

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

All remain seated for

The Sermon

The Right Reverend Robert Freeman
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The Choir sings

The Anthem

Ave verum corpus

Ave verum Corpus
natum de Maria Virgine:
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine:

Cuius latus perforatum
unda fluxit et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.

O dulcis, o pie,
o Jesu, fili Mariae,
miserere mei. Amen.

*Hail, true body
born of the Virgin Mary,
who, having truly, suffered, was sacrificed
on the cross for mankind.*

*Whose pierced side
flowed with water and blood.
Let it be for us a foretaste [of heaven]
in the trial of death.*

*O sweet, O gentle,
O Jesu, son of Mary,
have mercy on me. Amen.*

William Byrd (c.1539–1623)

All remain seated. Bishop Guli leads all priests and deacons in

The Renewal of Commitment to Ministry

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 bread and wine. He consecrated himself to his Father's service, to be the high priest of the New Covenant. I invite you now to dedicate yourselves afresh to his service, as stewards of the mysteries of God and ministers of his grace.

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?

Priests and deacons **By the help of God, I will.**

Bishop 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?

Priests and deacons **By the help of God, I will.**

Bishop 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?

Priests and deacons **By the help of God, I will.**

Bishop Will you work in partnership with all whom the Lord has given you, and encourage all the baptized to grow as the royal priesthood of the new covenant?

Priests and deacons **By the help of God, I will.**

Bishop 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 conviction and joy?

Priests and deacons **By the help of God, I will.**

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

Priests and deacons **By the help of God, I will.**

The Dean addresses the bishops

Reverend Fathers in God, will you be faithful to the promise you made at your consecration to uphold the truth of the gospel?

Bishops **By the help of God, I will.**

Dean Will you promote unity, peace and love among all Christian people, especially in this diocese, and be diligent in prayer and the reading of the holy Scriptures?

Bishops **By the help of God, I will.**

Dean Will you strive to become more like our High Priest and Good Shepherd, the Teacher and Servant of all, and so to be an authentic sign of Christ's loving presence among us?

Bishops **By the help of God, I will.**

The Bishop addresses the congregation

My brothers and sisters, pray for your bishops, priests, deacons, and all others who minister. Ask the Lord to bless us with the fullness of his love, that we may be faithful servants of Christ, our great High Priest, serving the Church with gifts that encourage and equip the people of God, and make Christ known in our generation.

All **Lord Jesus Christ,
hear us and answer our prayer.**

Bishop Almighty God, who has given us the will to undertake all these things, give us also the strength to perform them, that he may complete that work which he has begun in us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All stand. Bishop Martyn leads

The Peace

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
and also with you.

The Hymn

**How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
that he should give his only Son
to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss;
the Father turns his face away,
as wounds which mar the chosen One
bring many souls to glory.**

**Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon his shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there,
until it was accomplished;
his dying breath has brought me life –
I know that 'it is finished'.**

**I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,
his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer;
but this I know with all my heart,
his wounds have paid my ransom.**

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Music and words: Stuart Townend (b.1963)

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Bishop leads

The Prayer over the Oils

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

Deacon: The oil for the anointing of the sick and dying.

The Bishop: Blessed are you, sovereign God, gentle and merciful,
creator of heaven and earth.
Your Word brought light out of darkness,
and daily your Spirit renews the face of the earth.
Your anointed Son brought healing
to those in weakness and distress.
He broke the power of evil and set us free from sin and death
that we might praise your name for ever.
By the power of your Spirit may your blessing rest
on those who are anointed with this oil in your name;
may they be made whole in body, mind and spirit,
restored in your image, renewed in your love,
and serve you as sons and daughters in your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever.

Deacon: The oil for the signing with the cross at baptism.

The Bishop: Blessed are you, sovereign God,
the protector of all who believe in you.
Your anointed Son overcame the powers of evil
when he was lifted high upon the cross.
By the power of your Spirit may your blessing rest
on those who are anointed with this oil in your name;
as they come to the waters of baptism,
may it be for them a sign of your defence in their fight
against sin, the world and the devil,
and bring them to share in Christ's victory.
Blessed be God for ever.

Deacon: The oil of chrism.

The Bishop: Blessed are you, sovereign God and eternal Father,
upholding by your grace all who hear your call.
Under your Old Covenant
priests and kings were anointed to serve you
and in the fullness of time you anointed your Son
by the Holy Spirit
to be the Christ, the Saviour and Servant of all.
By the power of your Spirit may your blessing rest
on those who are anointed with this chrism in your name;
let it be for them a sign of joy and gladness
as they share in the royal priesthood of the New Covenant
and make known the kingdom of Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
we lift our voices of thanks and praise.
**Blessed be God, our strength and our salvation,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

All remain standing. The Bishop leads

The Prayer over the Gifts

Pour upon the poverty of our love
and the weakness of our praise
the transforming fire of your presence.
Amen.

The Bishop leads

The Eucharistic Prayer (B)

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.

The Bishop praises God for his mighty acts and the Choir sings

Sanctus and Benedictus

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| 1. Holy, holy, holy Lord.
God of power and might.
Holy, holy, holy Lord.
God of power and might. | 2. Heaven and earth are full,
full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest. |
| 3. Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord:
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest. | |

*Deutsche Messe
Franz Schubert (1797–1828)*

The Bishop recalls the Last Supper, and the following Acclamation is used:

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

The Prayer continues and leads into the Doxology, ending with:

...for ever and ever.
Amen.

Silence is kept. All remain standing to say

The Lord's Prayer

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom
and teach us to pray:

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread, saying

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Bishop leads

The Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

All sit. During Communion the Choir sings

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God most holy, who on the Cross didst languish;
O Saviour, meek and lowly, who suffered bitter anguish;
the sins of man thou bearest, our ev'ry grief thou sharest;
have mercy on us,
O Lamb of God most holy... grant us thy peace, O Jesu.

*O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig BWV 401
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)*

The Bishop leads

The Prayer after Communion

Good Shepherd,
you have welcomed us at your table
and have anointed us with the oil of gladness:
may your goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our life,
that we may dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL – SENDING OUT

All stand as the Choir leads the singing of

The Hymn

**By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered,
and confidently waiting, come what may,
we know that God is with us night and morning,
and never fails to meet us each new day.**

**Yet are our hearts by their old foe tormented,
still evil days bring burdens hard to bear;
O give our frightened souls the sure salvation
for which, O Lord, you taught us to prepare.**

**And when the cup you give is filled to brimming
with bitter suffering, hard to understand,
we take it gladly, trusting though with trembling,
out of so good and so beloved a hand.**

**If once again, in this mixed world, you give us
the joy we had, the brightness of your sun,
we shall recall what we have learned through sorrow,
and dedicate our lives to you alone.**

FINLANDIA (AM605)

*Original arrangement from the symphonic poem Finlandia
by Jean Sibelius (1865–1957)*

Fred Pratt Green (1903–2000)

Keith W. Clements (b.1943)

based on the German of Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906–1945)

The Blessing and Dismissal

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

The Son, who has ascended to the heights,
pour upon you the riches of his grace.
Amen.

The Holy Spirit, the Comforter,
equip you and strengthen you in your ministry.
Amen.

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

Deacon: Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

During the Procession the Organist plays the following Voluntary:

In dich hab ich gehoffet, Herr

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachow (1663–1712)

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