EUCHARIST
with the Ordination and Consecration of

The Reverend Prebendary Roderick Charles Howell Thomas
to be Bishop of Maidstone
in the Diocese of Canterbury
and
The Reverend Dr Graham Stuart Tomlin
to be Bishop of Kensington
in the Diocese of London
and
The Reverend Robert James Wickham
to be Bishop of Edmonton
in the Diocese of London

by the Archbishop of Canterbury
and other bishops

23rd September 2015
11.00am
Welcome from the Dean of Canterbury

It is a great pleasure to be able to welcome you to Canterbury Cathedral for this service of the Ordination and Consecration of the new Bishops of Maidstone, Kensington and Edmonton. For over fourteen hundred years the community of Canterbury Cathedral has been both worshipping here and welcoming visitors and pilgrims and we hope that your visit today will be a happy one. We welcome especially Rod, Graham and Rob, their family, friends and supporters.

In today’s service we use readings and prayers associated with Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist, whose feast day is 21\textsuperscript{st} September. Matthew was called by Jesus from his tax desk to become one of the twelve disciples and as we gather to celebrate new ministries, we listen for that call to each of us, whoever we are, to follow him on the path to discipleship.

Robert Willis,
Dean of Canterbury

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The Ordination and Consecration of a Bishop

The ministry of the Church is the ministry of Christ, its chief shepherd and high priest. Those who are ordained are called to share Christ’s work: to speak in His name and build up the Church of which Christ is the head.

This service of ordination perpetuates a pattern of ministry in direct continuity – through a long line of succession – with the apostles. Just as Jesus commissioned His first disciples, so by the laying on of hands the Archbishop will commission these disciples to mission. That is, to witness to the resurrection and to preach the good news of salvation in all the world. The particular role of a bishop – while remaining a deacon and priest – is to proclaim and guard the faith, to preside at the sacraments, to lead the Church’s prayer and to hand on its ministry.

During the service the candidates will be asked to confirm their commitment to these priorities. The Archbishop will ask all who are present to undertake to support the ordination of these candidates, not least because as bishops they will act not just on behalf of particular local Christian communities, but of the whole Church. This is followed by the invocation of the Holy Spirit and the laying on of hands. Roderick, Graham and Robert will be anointed with sacred oil, signifying their role of leadership within the royal priesthood of Christ’s people; they will receive a copy of the Holy Scriptures, both to remind them of their duty to proclaim the Gospel and of the centrality of God’s Word; and they will receive a Pastoral Staff, symbolising their sharing in the ministry of Christ the Good Shepherd.

Christ’s mission is the fundamental and unifying reality for all ministry. It turns the Church outwards towards the world that God loved so much that He sent His only Son. It prepares the Church for that goal and end of all things, when Christ Himself will present to the Father a world made perfect by His work – when all God’s people share in the joyful communion of love that binds the Father and the Son, in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

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The Reverend Prebendary Roderick Thomas

Rod is a Londoner by birth, but a Devonian through long exposure! He is married to Lesley and has three adult children: Christopher, Oliver and Lili.

Rod dates his new life in Christ from the time he read ‘Treasures of the Snow’ as a child. His early years were as part of the Plymouth Brethren, but at the age of 12 he began attending churches of other denominations. Subsequent spiritual influences came through Billy Graham, the books of John Stott and the ministry at Emmanuel, Wimbledon. It was at an Emmanuel Houseparty that Rod heard Bishop Maurice Wood explaining that the Church of England was ‘the most reformed of all the churches’ and Rod became a convinced Anglican.

Rod was educated in Ealing, West London before attending the London School of Economics. He then joined the Civil Service, which he left in order to undertake industrial relations research for the Institute of Directors. He subsequently became the Director of Employment and Environmental Affairs for the Confederation of British Industry. In 1991, Rod left for ordination training at Wycliffe Hall, subsequently serving his curacy at St Andrew’s in Plymouth. He moved to St Matthew’s in Elburton, on the east side of Plymouth in 1999 and has been the vicar there since, during which time the church has grown considerably. He helped set up and run the Peninsula Gospel Partnership training course, based at St Matthew’s, and loves nothing more than running Christianity Explored courses and reading the Bible with new Christians. During his ordained ministry, Rod served on the General Synod for 15 years. He has been the chairman of Reform for the last 8 years.

The Reverend Dr Graham Tomlin

Graham Tomlin was born into a Christian family - his father was a Baptist minister - where he grew in faith from early years. After a period of brief teenage atheism, he was drawn back into faith through the love of Christ shown through a group of friends in a local church in Bristol. He studied at Bristol Grammar School and then at Lincoln College, Oxford, where he met his future wife Janet. He worked in insurance for a couple of years, before training for ordination at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford. He was curate at St Leonard’s Church in Exeter, before returning to Oxford to be Chaplain of Jesus College Oxford and a tutor at Wycliffe Hall. He completed a PhD on St Paul, Martin Luther and Blaise Pascal, and went on to teach Historical Theology full-time at Wycliffe, where he was also Vice Principal for eight years.
In 2005, he and Janet moved to London, to help launch St Paul’s Theological Centre, which in 2007 became part of the new St Mellitus College, a partnership between the dioceses of London and Chelmsford and Holy Trinity Brompton. He was the College’s first Principal and has overseen the significant growth of the College over the past eight years. He is the author of many books, and is a keen student of the Reformation and wide-ranging aspects of theology. He and Janet have two children: Sam, who is training to be a Salvation Army Officer with his wife Jenni, and Sian, who works for Age UK, and is married to Josh.

The Reverend Robert Wickham

Robert Wickham started to attend a local church, as he was encouraged to join a choir. He sang, served, enjoyed youth holidays and then began to ask questions. In addition, he attended Hampton School where he rowed, becoming a National Champion, and he also became School Captain. After a gap year, Robert studied Geography at Durham University and met his future wife, Helen. He then spent a year working at St Luke’s Wallsend on Tyneside where he first witnessed Jesus’ love for the poor under the imposing cranes of the deserted Swan Hunter shipyard and amongst the unemployed of “The Ridges Estate”. He studied for ordination at Ridley Hall, Cambridge. Since ordination, Robert has served in some of the most deprived parts of London. His Title was spent learning how to be a priest at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, and then he ministered as Team Vicar in the Parish of Old St Pancras, where he oversaw the Diocesan regeneration work at St Pancras International, alongside serving the parish of Somers Town, where Fr Basil Jellicoe once worked miracles. Since 2007 Robert has been the Rector of Hackney, where he has witnessed joy and tragedy in equal measure. He has served a growing church, developed a housing scheme, church restoration project, a cafe and a number of community, arts based and social enterprise projects alongside serving several schools and charities. Robert completed an MA in 2012 in Theology, Politics and Faith Based Organisations, and has published work on the political theology of Joshua Watson, the schools pioneer, amongst other publications. Robert was also licensed as Area Dean of Hackney in 2014.

Robert and Helen have three children: Tom, who is 10, Susannah who is 7, and Harry, who was born on Christmas Eve 2014, making last year’s celebration of the Nativity very real indeed!
ORDER OF SERVICE

Before the service, the Ordinands take the Oath of Allegiance to The Queen’s Majesty and the Oath of Due Obedience to the Archbishop of Canterbury, tendered to them by the Principal Registrar.

ALL STAND as the processions move into the Nave

Order of Processions

- representatives of visiting Dioceses -

- the procession of the Foundation -

  The Choir
  The Precentor
  The Preacher
  The Dean and Chapter of Canterbury

- the procession of the Archbishop of Canterbury -

  Ostiarius
  The Pro-Prolocutor of the Lower House of the Convocation of Canterbury
  The Registrar of the Convocation of Canterbury

  The Bishop-designate of Maidstone
  together with the presenting Bishops of Exeter and Blackburn

  The Bishop-designate of Kensington
  together with the presenting Bishop of Chelmsford

  The Bishop-designate of Edmonton
  together with the presenting Bishop of Worcester

The College of Bishops and Bishops of Churches in Communion

  The Bishop of London    The Bishop of Winchester

  The Principal Registrar

  The Deacon

  The Primatial Cross of Canterbury

  The Archbishop of Canterbury
The Gathering and Presentation

*Remain standing to sing*

**TO GOD be the glory, great things he has done!**
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!*
*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!*
*O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,*
*And give him the glory! Great things he has done!*

2 **O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!**
To every believer the promise of God!
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus forgiveness receives. *Refrain*

3 **Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,**
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see. *Refrain*

**Words:** Fanny Crosby 1820-1915) **Tune:** TO GOD BE THE GLORY AM 818

The Greeting

*The Archbishop greets the people*

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
**Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

There is one body and one spirit.
**There is one hope to which we were called;**
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
**one God and Father of all.**

Peace be with you
**and also with you.**
The Archbishop introduces the 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 particular ministries. Bishops are ordained to be shepherds of Christ’s flock and guardians of the faith of the apostles, proclaiming the gospel of God’s kingdom and leading his people in mission. Obedient to the call of Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit, they are to gather God’s people and celebrate with them the sacraments of the new covenant. Thus formed into a single communion of faith and love, the Church in each place and time is united with the Church in every place and time.

**Prayers of Penitence**

*The Deacon (The Reverend Mohan Seevaratnam) says*

As we stand together before God, and trusting in his grace alone, let us join in confessing our sins.

*Remain standing to say*

**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 Archbishop says*

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.*

*Sit*
The Presentation

The Ordinands stand before the Archbishop to be presented

The Bishop of Exeter and the Bishop of Blackburn say

Reverend Father in God, Roderick Charles Howell Thomas has been chosen to be Bishop of Maidstone in the Diocese of Canterbury. We present him to be ordained and consecrated to the office of bishop in the Church of God.

The Bishop of London and the Bishop of Chelmsford say

Reverend Father in God, Graham Stuart Tomlin has been chosen to be Bishop of Kensington in the Diocese of London. We present him to be ordained and consecrated to the office of bishop in the Church of God.

The Bishop of London and the Bishop of Worcester say

Reverend Father in God, Robert James Wickham has been chosen to be Bishop of Edmonton in the Diocese of London. We present him to be ordained and consecrated to the office of bishop in the Church of God.

The Archbishop asks

Do you believe them to be of godly life and sound learning?

Those presenting respond  

We do.

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

We do.

The Archbishop addresses the Ordinands

Roderick, Graham and Robert, do you believe that God is calling you to this ministry?

Ordinands  

I do so believe.
The Archbishop says
Let the authority for the ordinations be read.

The Provincial Registrar reads the Royal Mandate

The Archbishop says
Roderick, Graham and Robert, you have taken the oath of allegiance to the Sovereign and the oath of due obedience. You are now required to make the Declaration of Assent.

The Archbishop then reads the Preface to the Declaration of Assent.

The Church of England is part of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, worshipping the one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds, which faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation. Led by the Holy Spirit, it has borne witness to Christian truth in its historic formularies, the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, *The Book of Common Prayer* and the Ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons. In the declaration you are about to make, will you affirm your loyalty to this inheritance of faith as your inspiration and guidance under God in bringing the grace and truth of Christ to this generation and making Him known to those in your care?

The Ordinands respond

I, Roderick Charles Howell Thomas, ...
I, Graham Stuart Tomlin, ...
I, Robert James Wickham, ...

do so affirm, and accordingly declare my belief in the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds and to which the historic formularies of the Church of England bear witness; and in public prayer and administration of the sacraments, I will use only the forms of service which are authorized or allowed by Canon.

Stand
Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

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;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

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.
The Collect

The Archbishop says

Let us pray for Roderick, Graham and Robert, and for the ministry of the whole people of God.

O Almighty God, whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax-collector to be an apostle and evangelist: give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Sit

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading Proverbs 3.13-18

Read by Mary Durlacher

Happy are those who find wisdom, and those who get understanding, for her income is better than silver, and her revenue better than gold. She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honour. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; those who hold her fast are called happy.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
New Testament Reading 2 Corinthians 4.1-6
Read by Funmi Odusanya

Since it is by God’s mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God’s word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 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.

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

Remain seated as the choir sings Psalm 119.65-72

O Lord thou hast dealt graciously with thy servant: according unto thy word.
O learn me true understanding and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments.
Before I was troubled, I went wrong: but now have I kept thy word.
Thou art good and gracious: O teach me thy statutes.
The proud have imagined a lie against me: but I will keep thy commandments with my whole heart.
Their heart is as fat as brawn: but my delight hath been in thy law.
It is good for me that I have been in trouble: that I may learn thy statutes.
The law of thy mouth is dearer unto me: than thousands of gold and silver.

Stand

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.
Remain standing

The Gospel

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

All sing

Matthew 9.9-13

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, ‘Follow me.’ And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, ‘Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?’ But when he heard this, he said, ‘Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, “I desire mercy, not sacrifice.” For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All sing

Once the Sermon has been introduced please sit

Sermon

The Reverend Dr Paul Weston, Tutor in Mission and Director of the Newbiggin Centre, Ridley Hall, Cambridge

Following the Sermon please stand
The Nicene Creed

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
The Liturgy of Ordination

The Ordinands stand before the Archbishop, who addresses the congregation

Bishops are called to serve and care for the flock of Christ. Mindful of the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for his sheep, they are to love and pray for those committed to their charge, knowing their people and being known by them. As principal ministers of word and sacrament, stewards of the mysteries of God, they are to preside at the Lord’s table and to lead the offering of prayer and praise. They are to feed God’s pilgrim people, and so build up the Body of Christ.

They are to baptize and confirm, nurturing God’s people in the life of the Spirit, and leading them in the way of holiness. They are to discern and foster the gifts of the Spirit in all who follow Christ, commissioning them to minister in his name. They are to preside over the ordination of deacons and priests, and join together in the ordination of bishops.

As chief pastors, it is their duty to share with their fellow presbyters the oversight of the Church, speaking in the name of God, and expounding the gospel of salvation. With the Shepherd’s love, they are to be merciful, but with firmness; to minister discipline, but with compassion. They are to have a special care for the poor, the outcast and those who are in need. They are to seek out those who are lost and lead them home with rejoicing, declaring the absolution and forgiveness of sins to those who turn to Christ.

Following the example of the prophets and the teaching of the apostles, they are to proclaim the gospel boldly, confront injustice and work for righteousness and peace in all the world.

The Archbishop addresses the Ordinands directly

Roderick, Graham and Robert, we trust that you have weighed and pondered all this, and that you are now fully determined to devote yourself to this ministry to which God has called you. We pray that you may offer to him your best powers of mind and spirit, so that as you follow the rule and teaching of our Lord you may grow up into his likeness, and 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.
Do you accept the Holy Scriptures as revealing all things necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ?

Ordinands  I do so accept them.

Will you be diligent in prayer, in reading Holy Scripture, and in all studies that will deepen your faith, and fit you to bear witness to the truth of the Gospel?

By the help of God, I will.

Will you lead your people in proclaiming his glorious gospel of Christ, so that the good news of salvation may be heard in every place?

By the help of God, I will.

Will you teach the doctrine of Christ as the Church of England has received it, will you refute error, and will you hand on entire the faith that is entrusted to you?

By the help of God, I will.

Will you be faithful in ordaining and commissioning ministers of the Gospel?

By the help of God, I will.

Will you promote peace and reconciliation in the Church and in the world; and will you strive for the visible unity of Christ’s Church?

By the help of God, I will.

Will you be gentle and merciful for Christ’s sake to those who are in need, and speak for those who have no other to speak for them?

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 and make your home a place of hospitality and welcome?

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 the discipline of this Church, exercising authority with justice, courtesy and love, and always holding before you the example of Christ?

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, that the good news of Christ may be proclaimed in all the world?

By the help of God, I will.
All stand

The Ordinands turn and face the congregation

The Archbishop addresses the congregation

Brothers and sisters, you have heard how great is the charge that Roderick, Graham and Robert are ready to undertake, and you have heard their declarations. Is it now your will that they should be ordained?

It is.

Will you continually pray for them?

We will.

Will you uphold and encourage them in their ministry?

We will.

The Ordinands turn to face the Archbishop, who continues

Roderick, Graham and Robert, remember always with thanksgiving that God has entrusted to your care Christ’s beloved bride, his own flock, bought by the shedding of his blood on the cross.

You are to govern Christ’s people in truth, lead them out to proclaim the good news of the kingdom, and prepare them to stand before him when at last he comes in glory.

You cannot bear the weight of this calling in your own strength, but only by the grace and power of God. Pray therefore that you may be conformed more and more to the image of God’s Son, so that through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit your life and ministry may be made holy and acceptable to God.

Pray earnestly for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The congregation sit

The Archbishop kneels

The Bishops move to stand around the Archbishop and the Ordinands

Silence is kept
All sing

Precantor Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,

All And lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

2 Thy blessèd unction from above
Is comfort, life, and fire of love;
Enable with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded sight:

3 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.

4 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And thee, of Both, to be but One;
That through the ages all along
This may be our endless song,
Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Words: John Cosin (1594-1672)
Tune: VENI CREATOR (MECHLIN)
based on Veni, creator Spiritus

The Litany

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

Choir 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 Lord.

All Lord have mer - cy.

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.
Lord, have mercy.
For Justin our Archbishop, and for all bishops, presbyters and deacons, that they may hunger for truth and thirst after righteousness, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Roderick, Graham and Robert, called to be bishops in the Church, let us pray to the Lord.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Remembering all who have gone before us in faith, and in communion with Matthew and all the saints, we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God; **Choir** To you, O Lord.

_Music_: David Flood (b.1955)
The Ordination Prayer

The Archbishop stands to pray

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 poured out your Holy Spirit upon his disciples, to give them power to preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, and to build up your people in love.

And now we give you thanks that you have called these your servants, whom we ordain in your name, to share as bishops 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:

Here the Archbishop and other Bishops lay their hands on the head of each Ordinand, and the Archbishop says

Send down the Holy Spirit on your servant Roderick / Graham / Robert for the office and work of a bishop in your Church.

The Archbishop then continues

Through your Spirit, heavenly Father, fill these your servants with the grace and power which you gave to your apostles, that as true shepherds they may feed and govern your flock, and lead them in proclaiming the gospel of your salvation in the world.

Make them steadfast as guardians of the faith and sacraments, wise as teachers and faithful in presiding at the worship of your people.

Through them, with their fellow-servants in Christ, increase your Church and renew its ministry, uniting its members in a holy fellowship of truth and love.
Give them humility,
that they may use their authority to heal, not to hurt;
to build up, not to destroy.
Defend them from all evil,
that they may, as faithful stewards,
be presented blameless with all your household
and, at the last, enter your eternal joy,
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and your Holy Spirit,
belong glory and honour, worship and praise, now and for ever.
Amen.

Sit

The Giving of the Bible

The Archbishop gives each newly ordained Bishop the Bible, saying
Receive this Book,
as a sign of the authority given you this day
to build up Christ’s Church in truth.
Here are words of eternal life.
Take them for your guide,
and declare them to the world.

The Anointing

The Archbishop anoints the head of each newly ordained Bishop, saying
May God,
who anointed the Christ with the Holy Spirit at his baptism,
anoint and empower you to bring good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives,
to set free those who are oppressed
and to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

The Archbishop gives each newly ordained Bishop their episcopal ring
and pectoral cross, as the choir sings:

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Words: Book of Hours (1514)
Music: Philip Radcliffe (1905-1986)
in English in the Sarum Primer (1558)
The Welcome

All stand

The newly ordained Bishops turn to face the people

The Bishop of London, Dean of the Province of Canterbury, says to them

Guard the truth that has been entrusted to you by the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

We welcome you as shepherds of Christ’s flock. Build up the Church in unity and love, that the world may believe.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Peace

The Archbishop says

God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, not counting our trespasses against us, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.

The Deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Members of the congregation may greet one another with a sign of peace
Remain standing to sing The Offertory Hymn during which a collection is received for The Barnabas Fund, The Children’s Society, and The Tearfund Refugee Crisis Fund

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.

2 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 ev'ry sin on him was laid—  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

3 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.

4 No guilt in life, no fear in death—  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from his hand;  
Till he returns or calls me home—  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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The Archbishop takes the bread and wine and praises God for his gifts

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.
**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.
**Blessed be God for ever.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

*The Archbishop 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.**

*The Archbishop praises God for his mighty acts*

It is indeed right and good
that we should give you thanks, praise and glory,
almighty and everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For after his resurrection
he sent out his apostles and evangelists
to preach the gospel to all nations
and lead us in the way of truth.

Himself the chief cornerstone,
he founded his Church upon the apostles
firmly to stand for ever
as a sign of your holiness upon earth
and a living witness to all
of the way that leads to heaven.

And so with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we lift our voices
and join in their unending hymn of praise:
The Archbishop recalls the Last Supper

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; 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.

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith:
All Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.
And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, 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. 

Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

The Archbishop says

As we join our prayers with the Church Universal, so we say, each in our own language, the prayer that Jesus taught us.

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.

Notre Père... Vater Unser... Onze Vader... Padre Nuestro... Ojcze Nasz... Baba Yetu... E to matou Matua... Ein Tad...
Remain standing for

Breaking of the Bread

The Archbishop breaks the consecrated bread, saying

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.

All sing

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.

Sit as the Archbishop and other ministers begin

The Distribution of Communion

All who are regular communicants in their own tradition are welcome to receive the sacrament. Please follow the direction of the stewards.

If you are not a communicant, you are welcome to come forward at this point in the service to receive a blessing, keeping your hands to your sides.
During Communion, the choir sings

Like as the hart

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks,
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God.
When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
My tears have been my meat day and night,
while they daily say unto me, “Where is now thy God?”

Words: Psalm 42.1-3
Music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

All sing

2 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.’

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THERE is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

Thank you, O my Father,
For giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done.

2 Jesus my Redeemer,
Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain:

Thank you, O my Father,
For giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done.

3 When I stand in glory
I will see his face,
And there I'll serve my King for ever
In that holy place.

Thank you, O my Father,
For giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done.

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Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept

Stand as the Archbishop says

Let us pray.

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

All then say

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.

During the hymn which follows, the Bishop of Kensington and the Bishop of Edmonton, together with the Bishop of London, and the Bishop of Maidstone, move to stand in front of the Archbishop:
The Dismissal

Remain standing to sing

GUIDE me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim though this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

Words: Welsh, William Williams (1717-91)  Tune: CWM RHONDDA  NEH 368
Tr Peter Williams (1727-96) and others
The Archbishop says

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.

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

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

May 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.

The Archbishop gives the Bishop of Maidstone his pastoral staff and the Bishop of London assists the Archbishop in giving the Bishop of Kensington his pastoral staff and the Bishop of Edmonton his pastoral staff.

The Archbishop says

Keep watch over the whole flock in which the Holy Spirit has appointed you shepherd. Encourage the faithful, restore the lost, build up the Body of Christ.

The Deacon says

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

Organ Voluntary Sortie in E flat - Lefébure-Wély (1817-69)
Remain standing as the processions exit

(via the Great West Door)

the Bishop of Kensington and the Bishop of Edmonton,
together with the Bishop of London

the Bishop of Maidstone,
together with the Archbishop of Canterbury

(to the Crypt)

- representatives of visiting Dioceses -

Ostiarius
The Pro-Prolocutor of the Lower House of the Convocation of Canterbury
The Registrar of the Convocation of Canterbury
The Principal Registrar

The College of Bishops and Bishops of Churches in Communion
The Bishop of Winchester

(to St Andrew’s Chapel)

The Choir
The Precentor The Deacon
The Preacher
The Dean and Chapter of Canterbury

After the service, please follow the directions of the stewards as you leave the Cathedral