



CHRISM EUCHARIST

with

Renewal of Commitment to Ministry

President and Preacher

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Lord Archbishop of York,

Primate of England and Metropolitan

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at 11.00 am

Historical Note

Our baptism is the sacramental sign of our union with Christ, and of God's gift to us of his Holy Spirit, to make us God's children by adoption and grace, and to equip us for the share that all Christians have in Christ's own ministry. The New Testament speaks of this gift of the Holy Spirit as an anointing (1 John 2.20–27; 2 Cor 1.21–22). From an early date, it became customary to trace the sign of the cross in oil on the heads of candidates for baptism, and to anoint them again after baptism with the perfumed oil of chrism—a sign of incorporation into the prophetic, priestly and royal life of Jesus Christ. At the same time, the Letter of James urges its recipients to anoint the sick with oil (James 5.15), as a sign of the healing and forgiveness that are also given through the Holy Spirit (*cf.* Mark 6.13). These are the biblical roots of the ancient custom of using oils in the life of the Church, and of the three particular oils—of Catechumens, of the Sick, and of Chrism—that are prepared in the Chrism Eucharist. They have come to be used in many ways—especially, as in the Old Testament, for the setting apart of people and things for a special place in the life of the Church, for bishops and priests at their ordination, for kings and queens at their crowning, and for churches and altars at their consecration.

There is a more recent custom, introduced first into the Roman Catholic Church in the mid-twentieth century, that the Chrism Eucharist is also an occasion for the renewal of commitment to ministry. As the priests gathered around their bishop on Maundy Thursday, to receive the oils to take back to their parishes, he suggested that they should renew their commitment to serve Christ. This is appropriate on this day, when we remember that Christ consecrated himself to his Father's service and expressed his obedient self-gift in the institution of the Eucharist and in the agony of Gethsemane, and prayed for the unity of his disciples. It is important to distinguish this renewal from the renewal of the commitment of all God's people to the royal and priestly ministry they have received in baptism. This second renewal, which is theologically prior to the first, properly takes place in the reaffirmation of baptismal promises at the Easter Liturgy.

Adapted from *Common Worship: Times and Seasons*

The Eucharist is sung by the congregation to MASS OF ST THOMAS BY David Thorne.

The Gathering

The congregation stands to sing:

Processional Hymn



1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic Rose,
as of that Rose the Stem;
the Root whence mercy ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.

3. Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

4. Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

5. Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Words Matthew Bridges (1800–94)

Tune DIADEMATA, AM 227, George Elvey (1816–93)

Greeting

The Archbishop says:

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 our God and Father.

Glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.

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

The Archbishop introduces the service.

Prayers of Penitence

The Deacon says:

God shows his love for us
in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Let us then show our love for him
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept.

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.

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.

Gloria in excelsis

Everyone sings:

(Organ) Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est.

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

Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we

wor ship you, we give you thanks, we_ praise you for your glo - ry.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with '(Organ)' and the lyrics 'Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est.' The second staff continues with 'Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.' The third staff has the lyrics 'Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we'. The fourth staff continues with 'wor ship you, we give you thanks, we_ praise you for your glo - ry.' The fifth staff concludes with 'Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est.'



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are



seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,



with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est.

The Collect

The Archbishop introduces a time of silent prayer, and then prays:

Heavenly Father,
you anointed your Son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit and with power
to bring to us the blessings of your kingdom:
anoint your Church with the same Holy Spirit,
that we who share in his suffering and 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.**

Please sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.
They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks,
 foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines;
 but you shall be called priests of the Lord,
 you shall be named ministers of our God;
 you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations,
 and in their riches you shall glory.
 Because their shame was double,
 and dishonour was proclaimed as their lot,
 therefore they shall possess a double portion;
 everlasting joy shall be theirs.

For I the Lord love justice,
 I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
 I will faithfully give them their recompense,
 and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
 Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
 and their offspring among the peoples;
 all who see them shall acknowledge
 that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.

ISAIAH 61.1-9

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

Please stand.

Song based on Psalm 23

And I will trust in you a - lone, and I will trust in you a - lone, for your
 end - less mer - cy fol - lows me, your good - ness will lead me home.

1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.
*And I will trust in you alone,
and I will trust in you alone,
for your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.*

2. He guides my ways in righteousness,
and he anoints my head with oil,
and my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on his pure delights.

3. And although I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
for you are with me, and your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.

Words and Music Stuart Townend (b. 1963)

Please sit.

New Testament Reading

A reading from the Letter of James.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. 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. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed.

JAMES 5.13-16a

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Organ music is played to cover the Gospel Procession.

Gospel Reading

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.

When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

LUKE 4.16–21

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

Please sit.

The organist plays a musical response to the Gospel reading.

Sermon

The Archbishop of York

Following the sermon, the organist improvises a reflection.

The Renewal of Commitment to Ministry

The Archbishop says:

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.

The Archbishop addresses Readers, Licensed Lay Workers, Church Army Officers, Lay Diocesan Officers, and non-ordained members of religious communities:

When you were commissioned, you undertook to be faithful in prayer, and by word and example to minister to those for whom Christ died. Will you do all that is in your power to witness to God's love for his people?

By the help of God, I will.

The Archbishop addresses the deacons:

At your ordination as a deacon, you received the yoke of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve. Will you continue faithfully in this ministry, to build up God's people in his truth, and serve them in his name?

By the help of God, I will.

The Archbishop addresses the priests:

At your ordination to the priesthood, you took authority to watch over and care for God's people, to absolve and bless them in his name, to proclaim the gospel of salvation, and to minister the sacraments of his New Covenant. Will you continue as faithful stewards of the mysteries of God, preaching the Gospel of Christ and ministering his holy sacraments?

By the help of God, I will.

A young person addresses the bishops:

At your ordination as bishops you received the gift of the Spirit, that you might lead the church in mission, and send out ministers in Christ's name; that you might promote its unity, uphold its discipline, and guard its faith; and that you might teach and govern the people committed to your charge. Will you continue faithfully in this ministry, watching over Christ's own flock, and building them up in the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace?

By the help of God, I will.

A young person addresses all the ministers:

May the God of peace sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and he will accomplish it.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

The Archbishop addresses the whole congregation:

My brothers and sisters, pray for all who minister, that they may be constant in prayer and steadfast in faith, and serve your people with joy.

Lord, hear us.

Pray for your deacons, that the Lord may pour upon them the riches of his grace. Pray that he who has called them to his service may make them worthy of his calling.

Lord, hear us.

Pray for your priests. Ask the Lord to bless them with the fullness of his love, that they may be faithful ministers of his word and sacrament, and lead his people in the way of salvation.

Lord, hear us.

Pray for your bishops, that despite our unworthiness we may be faithful to the great trust that has been handed to us. Pray that we may become more like our Good Shepherd and great High Priest, the teacher and servant of us all, and so become more and more a sign of Christ's loving presence among you.

Lord, hear us.

Pray for the families of those who minister, for their homes, and for all with whom they share their lives.

Lord, hear us.

May the Lord in his love keep us ever close to him,
and may he bring us all to the fullness of eternal life.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

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 the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

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.

Hymn



1. Blest by the sun, the olive tree
brought clusters of fair fruit to birth,
whose ripeness now we bring with prayer,
Lord Christ, redeemer of the earth.
2. Eternal King, look down and bless
the oil your servants offer here,
and may it be a lively sign
which all the powers of darkness fear.
3. From those washed in the sacred font
let Satan's influence depart,
and when this oil the brow shall seal,
transforming grace invade the heart.
4. Our wounded nature thus be healed
by your anointing grace, O Lord;
In men and women so renewed
shall God's own image be restored.
5. Lord Christ, the Father's only Son,
who took our flesh in Mary's womb,
give light to your anointed ones,
and break the power of death's dark tomb.
6. So may this joyous Paschal feast,
the time when saving grace is given,
fill every Christian soul with praise,
and raise our minds from earth to heaven.

Words from an early Latin hymn, trans. Richard Rutt (1925–2011)

Tune GONFALON ROYAL, NEH 512, Percy Buck (1871–1947)

The Blessing of the Oils

The Archbishop says:

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

A Deacon presents the oil for the sick, and says:

The oil for the anointing of the sick and dying.

The Bishop of Selby says:

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.

A Deacon presents the oil for baptism, and says:

The oil for the signing with the cross at baptism.

The Bishop of Whitby says:

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.

A Deacon presents the oil of chrism, and says:

The oil of chrism for anointing at confirmation.

The Archbishop says:

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.**

Offertory Hymn



1. O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
that all thy Church might be for ever one,
grant us at every Eucharist to say
with longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done.'
O may we all one Bread, one Body be,
one through this Sacrament of unity.
2. For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace:
thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,
one through this Sacrament of unity.
3. We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,
back to the faith which saints believed of old,
back to the Church which still that faith doth keep:
soon may we all one Bread, one Body be,
one through this Sacrament of unity.
4. So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
may we be one with all thy Church above,
one with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
one with thy saints in one unbounded love:
more blessèd still, in peace and love to be
one with the Trinity in Unity.

Words William Turton (1856–1938)

Tune SONG 1, NEH 302, Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)

The Preparation of the Table

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

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The following dialogue is said or sung:



The Lord be with you and al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right 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:

Everyone sings:

(Organ) Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might.
Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na,
Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na,
Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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.

The Deacon says:

Christ is the bread of life.
**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

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.

Silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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

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.

Everyone sings:

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 2/2 time. It consists of five staves. The first staff is the organ introduction, marked '(Organ)'. The second through fourth staves are the vocal line, with lyrics: 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, grant us peace.' The fifth staff is the organ conclusion, marked '(Organ)'. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, grant us peace. (Organ)'

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
To the glory of God the Father.

The body and blood of Christ keep you in eternal life.

Communion is administered in one kind only from a number of places. Please follow the directions of the Stewards. Gluten-free wafers are available from the communion station at the front, nearest the altar.

Hymns during Communion



1. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;
 come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.
 Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.
2. Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
 he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
 Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.
3. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
 he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him.
 Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Words and music AM 358, David J Evans (*b.* 1957)
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1. Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

2. Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings within, and fears without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

3. Just as I am, poor, wretchèd, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

4. Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

5. Just as I am (thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down),
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

6. Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Words Charlotte Elliott (1789–1871)

Tune SAFFRON WALDEN, NEH 294, Arthur Henry Brown (1830–1926)



1. 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.

2. 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.

3. Sweet Sacrament of rest,
ark from the oceans' 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.

4. 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.

Words Francis Stanfield (1835–1914)

Tune DIVINE MYSTERIES, NEH 307, Francis Stanfield

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.

**You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ,
and you have made yourself known in the breaking of the bread.
Abide with us, we pray,
that, blessed by your royal presence,
we may walk with you all the days of our life,
and at its end behold you in the glory of the eternal Trinity,
one God for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Hymn



1. Hope of our calling: hope by courage won;
by those who dared to share all Christ had done.
Saints of today, Christ's banner now unfurled,
will bring God's message to a waiting world.
2. Hope of our calling: hope with strength empowered
inspired by all that we have seen and heard;
this call is ours, for we are chosen too,
to live for God in all we say and do.
3. Hope of our calling: hope with grace outpoured,
from death's despair the gift of life restored;
our call to serve, to wash each others' feet,
to bring Christ's healing touch to all we meet.
4. Hope of our calling: hope by faith made bold;
to sow God's righteousness throughout the world;
bring peace from conflict, fruitfulness from weeds,
the kingdom's harvest from the kingdom's seeds.

5. Hope of our calling: Spirit-filled, unbound,
old joys remembered and new purpose found,
our call refreshed by sacrament and word,
we go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Words AM 493, Ally Barrett (b 1975)

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Tune WOODLANDS, AM 394, Walter Greatorex (1877–1949)

The Blessing

The Archbishop says:

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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 among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Deacon says:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

The clergy procession goes to the Chapter House.

All are welcome to stay for hot cross buns and refreshments after the service, which will be served in the North Transept.

Oils may be collected after the service from the South Transept.

Chorister Recruitment

York Minster and St Peter's School York, are searching for a school girl, currently in Year 3, to audition for the world famous Choir of York Minster and the chance to receive an outstanding education at St Peter's School, York starting in September. Formal singing experience is not required for the auditions: a love of singing is all that is needed.

The auditions held earlier this year resulted in a full complement of boy choristers but one role remains unfilled for the girls.

In addition to developing their musical skills, training as a chorister helps children to develop lifelong skills such as self-discipline, being organised, concentration, poise and attention to detail. This is a unique opportunity for a girl to have a superb education and to play a part in the life of one of the most important and beautiful cathedrals in the world.

York Minster's choristers receive an excellent education at St Peter's School, which, like York Minster, was founded in 627AD. It is the fourth oldest school in the world. The Chapter of York provides a bursary for each chorister worth 60% of their school fees with means-tested funding potentially increasing the level of funding to 100%.

For more information about the chorister audition process and to apply online go to: www.stpetersyork.org.uk/admissions/chorister-admissions.

For an application pack and more details, contact Sara Bath, Master's PA, on 01904 527391 or email s.bath@stpetersyork.org.uk.