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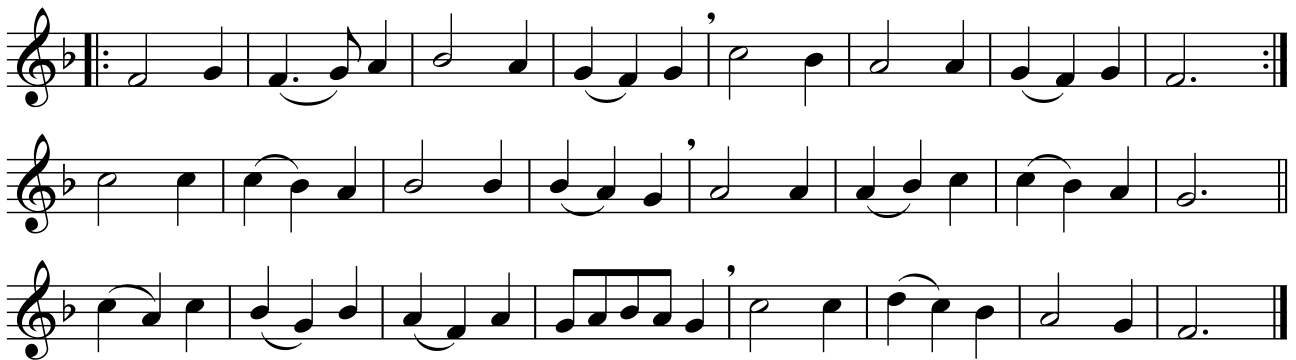
Hear our prayer, Lord, for those who are soon to be confirmed. By the ministry of the Holy Spirit, give them a living faith in your Son Jesus Christ as their Redeemer and Lord, a confident hope and a sincere love; that your Church may be enriched by their fellowship and they may serve you faithfully all their days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ORDER OF SERVICE

THE GATHERING

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Stand to sing the processional hymn



Alleluia, sing to Jesus!
his the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia, bread of angels,
 thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful
 flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
 earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
 sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal,
 thee the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia, born of Mary,
 earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
 robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
 in the Eucharistic Feast.

William Chatterton Dix (1837–98)

Hyfrydol 271 NEH
Rowland Huw Prichard (1811–87)

THE WELCOME

*The Right Reverend Debbie Sellin, Acting Bishop of Winchester,
welcomes the congregation*

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 PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

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

THE ABSOLUTION

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

THE COLLECT

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father,
by the power of your Holy Spirit
you give to your faithful people new life
in the water of baptism.
Guide and strengthen us by that same Spirit,
that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love,
and grow into the full stature of your Son Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

THE READING
Colossians 1.11–20

Sit for the reading

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Stand. The Choir sings the Alleluia once, then it is repeated by all



The Choir sings this scriptural sentence

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord:
Peace in heav'n and glory in the highest heaven.

All respond by singing the Alleluia

THE GOSPEL
Luke 23.33–43

Remain standing and face the Deacon

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

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you O Christ.

THE SERMON

All sit after preacher's introductory prayer

The Right Reverend Debbie Sellin, Acting Bishop of Winchester

THE LITURGY OF INITIATION

THE PRESENTATION

Stand as the candidates gather around Bishop Debbie at the Font

Bishop Debbie addresses the candidates, who respond accordingly

Have you been baptised in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit? *I have.*

Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ? *I am.*

Bishop Debbie addresses the whole congregation

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome these candidates and uphold them in their life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

THE DECISION

The Bishop addresses the candidates, who respond accordingly

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

May God who has given you the desire to follow Christ
give you strength to continue in the Way.
Amen.

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us affirm together with these candidates our common
faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

This is the faith of the Church.
This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

THE CONFIRMATION

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 Bishop extends her hands towards those to be confirmed and says

Almighty and ever-living God,
you have given these your servants new birth
in baptism by water and the Spirit,
and have forgiven them all their sins.
Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them:
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding;
the Spirit of counsel and inward strength;
the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness;
and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord.
Amen.

The Bishop addresses each candidate by name

N, God has called you by name and made you his own.

She then lays her hand on the head of each, saying

Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Bishop invites the congregation to pray for all those on whom hands have been laid

Defend, O Lord,
these your servants
with your heavenly grace,
that they may continue yours for ever,
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more
until they come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.

THE PEACE

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy, that you may be kept safe and blameless in spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All are invited to exchange a sign of peace with a handshake or another customary greeting. The candidates return to their places

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

Remain standing to sing the offertory hymn during which the gifts of the people are presented and the altar is prepared, with bread and wine placed upon it



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.

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.

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 melody: David J Evans

Tune: Be Still




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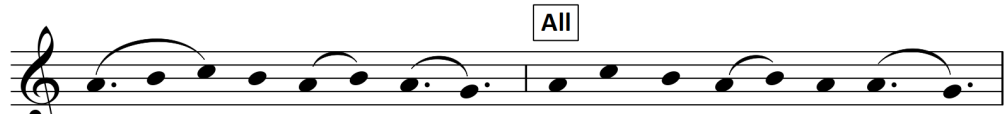
THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

President




The_ Lord be_ with_ you and_ al - so_ with_ you.

All



Lift_____ up your_ hearts. We lift them to_ the Lord.____

All



Let us give thanks to the Lord_our God. It is right to give thanks_and praise.____

Father, you made the world and love your creation.
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.
And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

*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.*

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended, he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

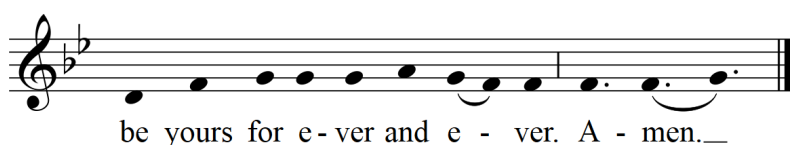
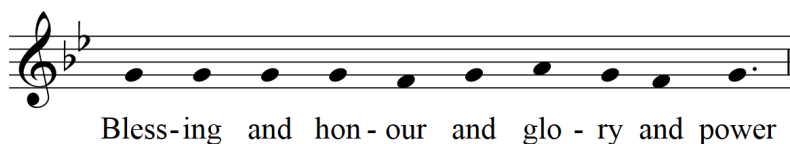
Great is the mystery of faith:



Christ has died: Christ is ris-en: Christ will come_ a- gain.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:



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,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE BREAKING OF 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.

THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Communicant members of all Christian Churches are welcome to receive the Sacrament at this service. Those who wish to receive a blessing are invited to bow their head. Gluten-free communion wafers are available; please come to the altar rail on the pulpit side of the Sanctuary.

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.*

THE COMMUNION HYMN

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

*O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Master...

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all men that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

*Sebastian Temple (1928-1997)
based on a 19th century prayer*

Tune: Channel of Peace

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Kneel or remain seated

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

Stand. Bishop Debbie gives all candidates a lit candle. These are lit from the Paschal candle, the symbol of the risen Christ. The Bishop says

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

THE FINAL HYMN

All remain standing to sing the hymn



Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be:

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand has provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love:

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Words: Thomas Chisholm (1866-1960)

Tune: Great is thy Faithfulness

THE DISMISSAL

THE BLESSING

God the Father,
who has given to his Son the name above every name,
strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord. **Amen.**

God the Son,
who is our great high priest passed into the heavens,
plead for you at the right hand of the Father. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,
who pours out his abundant gifts upon the Church,
make you faithful servants of Christ our King. **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 DISMISSAL

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

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Carillon-Sortie

Henri Mulet (1878 – 1967)

During the voluntary, the Bishop leads the newly confirmed through the Quire to the Nave. All are invited to remain to listen to the Organ Voluntary which is offered as a part of the act of worship.



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