

The Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of the Holy Trinity
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CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL DUBLIN



THE ORDINATION OF DEACONS

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2020

11.00

CELEBRANT: THE LORD ARCHBISHOP OF DUBLIN & BISHOP OF GLENDALOUGH
PREACHER: THE ARCHDEACON OF GLENDALOUGH

SETTING: COLLEGIUM REGALE, HERBERT HOWELLS, (1892-1983)
SUNG BY THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR

Please do not use flash photography during the service.

Please switch off all mobile phones.

*Our warmest welcome to ordinands
Alistair Doyle and Leonard Madden,
along with their families and friends who are with us today!*

The Gathering of God's People

Please stand for the procession of choir and clergy

Introit

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.

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Book of Hours, Sarum, 1514

The Archbishop says

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

We are the body of Christ.

By the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:

One God and Father of all.

Saint Paul wrote:

Just as in a single human body there are many limbs and organs, all with different functions, so we who are united with Christ, though many, form one body, and belong to one another as its limbs and organs. We have gifts allotted to each of us by God's grace. *Romans 12: 5, 6*

Today, giving thanks for the variety of gifts and ministries that God has bestowed on the Church, we have come together to admit to the order of deacons those whom we believe God has chosen for this particular ministry within the body, seeking by prayer with the laying on of hands the bestowal of the Holy Spirit for that office and work. In doing so we are maintaining the historic threefold ministry of bishops, priests and deacons which this Church has received.

Each candidate is presented by sponsors to the Archbishop, with the words:

Archbishop, we present *N* to be ordained deacon.

After all candidates have been presented the Archbishop asks

Archdeacons, are those responsible for their selection and training satisfied that they are called and ready to be ordained deacon in the Church of God?

The Archdeacons answer

They are satisfied.

The Archbishop says to each candidate

Do you believe in your heart that God has called you to the office and work of a deacon in his Church?

Answer

I believe that God has called me.

Archbishop

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

God our Father, Lord of all the world,
we thank you that through your Son
you have called us into the fellowship of your universal Church.
Hear our prayer for your faithful people
that in their vocation and ministry they may be instruments of your love,
and give to these your servants now to be ordained the needful gifts of grace;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Please sit

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

The First Reading

Isaiah 6: 1-8

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah:

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then

I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated

The Psalm *sung by the choir*

Psalm 119: 33 – 38

Teach me O Lord the way of thy statutes: and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding and I shall keep thy law: yea I shall keep it with my whole heart. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments: for therein is my desire. Incline my heart unto thy testimonies: and not to covetousness. O turn away mine eyes lest they behold vanity: and quicken thou me in thy way. O stablish thy word in thy servant: that I may fear thee.

The Second Reading

Romans 12: 1 – 12

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans:

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Procession as the Acclamation is sung by the choir.

The Gospel Reading

Mark 10: 35-45

Hear the gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to St N.

The choir sings:

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

All turn to face the reader

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.' When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

The choir sings:

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

Motet

Listen sweet Dove unto my song,
And spread thy golden wings in me;
Hatching my tender heart so long,
Till it get wing, and flie away with thee.

Such glorious gifts thou didst bestow, That
th' earth did like a heav'n appeare; The
starres were coming down to know If
they might mend their wages, and serve
here.

The sunne, which once did shine alone,
Hung down his head, and wisht for night,
When he beheld twelve sunnes for one
Going about the world, and giving light.

Lord, though we change, thou art the
same; The same sweet God of love and
light: Restore this day, for thy great
name, Unto his ancient and miraculous
right.

Grayston Ives (b.1948)

George Herbert (1593-1633)

The Nicene Creed

Mindful of our baptism we proclaim the faith of the universal church:

**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 by the Holy Spirit of 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 RITE OF ORDINATION

The Declarations

The people sit. The candidates stand before the Archbishop who says:

Deacons in the Church of God serve in the name of Christ, and so remind the whole Church that serving others is at the heart of all ministry. Deacons have a special responsibility to ensure that those in need are cared for with compassion and humility. They are to strengthen the faithful, search out the careless and the indifferent, and minister to the sick, the needy, the poor and those in trouble. When called upon to do so, they may baptize, preach and give instruction in the faith. Deacons assist the bishop and priest under whom they serve. When the people are gathered for worship, deacons are authorised to read the Gospel, lead the people in intercession, and distribute the bread and wine of Holy Communion.

Do you believe and accept the holy Scriptures as revealing all things necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ?

Answer I do.

Do you believe and accept the doctrine of the Christian faith as the Church of Ireland has received it?

Answer I do.

In your ministry will you expound the Scriptures and teach that doctrine?

Answer By the help of God, I will.

Will you accept the discipline of this Church and give due respect to those set over you in the Lord?

Answer By the help of God, I will.

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

Answer By the help of God, I will.

Will you strive to fashion your own life and family relationships according to the way of Christ?

Answer By the help of God, I will.

Will you be faithful in visiting the sick, in caring for the poor and needy, and in helping the oppressed?

Answer By the help of God, I will.

Will you promote unity, peace, and love among all Christian people, and especially among those whom you serve?

Answer 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, to make Christ known to all people?

Answer By the help of God, I will.

The Archbishop presents the candidates to the people, and says

You have heard the testimony of those who present these candidates for ordination, and also their own declarations made before you. Those whose duty it is to inquire about these persons and examine them have also found them to be of godly life and sound learning, and believe them to be duly called to serve God in this ministry. If any of you knows sufficient cause why any of these persons should not be ordained deacon, come forward and make it known.

Is it therefore your will that they should be ordained?

It is.

Will you uphold them in their ministry?

We will.

The people remain seated as the choir stands

PRAYERS

Archbishop

Because none of us can bear the weight of this ministry in our own strength, but only by the grace and power of God, let us pray earnestly for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on these candidates. Let us pray also that God will each day enlarge and enlighten their understanding of the Scriptures, so that they may grow stronger and more mature in their ministry, as they fashion their lives and the lives of the people they serve on the word of God.

The Litany

all kneel or sit as the litany is sung

God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, giver of life,
have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity,
three Persons in one God,
have mercy on us.

Save us, good Lord:
from all sin and wickedness,
from pride, hypocrisy and conceit,
from envy, hatred and malice, and all uncharitableness,
save us, good Lord.

From sins of thought, word and deed,
from the lusts of the flesh,
from the deceits of the world and the snares of the devil,
save us, good Lord.

From fire, storm and flood,
from disease, pestilence and want,
from war and murder, and from dying unprepared,
save us, good Lord.

From all false doctrine,
from hardness of heart,
and from contempt of your word and commandment,
save us, good Lord.

In times of sorrow and in times of joy,
in the hour of death,
and in the day of judgement,
save us, good Lord.

Save us, Lord Christ:
by the mystery of your holy incarnation,
by your birth, childhood and obedience,
by your baptism, fasting and temptation,
save us, Lord Christ.

By your ministry in word and work,
by your mighty acts of power,
and by your preaching of the kingdom,
save us, Lord Christ.

By your agony and trial,
by your cross and passion,
and by your precious death and burial,
save us, Lord Christ.

By your mighty resurrection,
by your glorious ascension,
and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,
save us, Lord Christ.

Hear us, good Lord:
govern and direct your holy Church,
fill it with love and truth, and grant it that unity which is your will,
hear us, good Lord.

Give your Church courage to preach the gospel
and to make disciples of all the nations,
hear us, good Lord.

Give knowledge and understanding to bishops, priests and deacons,
that by their life and teaching they may proclaim your word,
hear us, good Lord.

Bless your servants now to be made deacons
that they may faithfully serve your Church
and reveal your glory in the world,
hear us, good Lord.

Give all people grace to receive your word
and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit,
hear us, good Lord.

Bring all who have erred and are deceived into the way of truth,
hear us, good Lord.

Saviour of the world, forgive our sins, known and unknown, things done,
and left undone; grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit that we may amend
our lives according to your holy word, and share with all your people the
joys of your eternal kingdom.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, give us your peace.

The Archbishop prays

Lord, you are merciful and forgive our sins. You hear those who pray in the
name of your Son. Grant that what we have asked in faith we may obtain
according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence is kept.

Please remain seated as the choir sing Veni Creator.

The Ordination Prayer with the Laying on of Hands

The candidate kneels before the Archbishop, who says

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise and glorify you, most merciful Father, because in your great love for humankind you sent your only Son Jesus Christ to take the form of a servant. He came to serve and not to be served; and taught us that he who would be great among us must be the servant of all. He humbled himself for our sake, and in obedience accepted death, even death on a cross; therefore you highly exalted him and gave him the name which is above every name. And now we give you thanks that you have called these your servants, whom we ordain in your name to share this ministry entrusted to your Church.

The Archbishop lays hands on the head and anoints each candidate saying:

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon your servant *N*
for the office and work of a deacon in your Church.

The Archbishop continues

Give to these your servants grace and power to fulfil their ministry. Make them faithful to serve, ready to teach, constant in advancing your gospel: and grant that, always having full assurance of faith, abounding in hope, and being rooted and grounded in love, they may continue strong and steadfast in 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.

The newly-ordained deacons are vested with a stole and given a copy of the New Testament.

Receive this book,

as a sign of the authority which God has given you this day
to proclaim his word to his people.

Make it known in your words and in your deeds.

The congregation stands and is addressed by the Archbishop

Brothers and sisters in Christ, I present to you these persons
who have been ordained deacons in the Church of God.

Greet them in the Name of the Lord!

The congregation responds enthusiastically

In the Name of the Lord we greet you!

The Peace

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God,
through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace
to those who were far off and to those who were near.

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

While we are not able to shake hands at this time, please do share a verbal greeting of peace with those seated near you.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

Offertory Motet

*As we are not able to pass a collection plate at this time, a basket will be available at the
Welcome Desk for a retiring collection following the service.*

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes: and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law: yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments: for therein is my desire. Incline my heart unto thy testimonies: and not to covetousness. O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity: and quicken thou me in thy way. O stablish thy word in thy servant: that I may fear thee. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

W. Byrd (1543-1623)

Psalm 119: 33-38, Gloria

The Archbishop says

Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ
our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**

The Taking of the Bread and Wine

The Archbishop says

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

Father, almighty and everliving God,
at all times and in all places it is right to give you thanks and praise:
Your Son Jesus Christ took the form of a servant,
and by his example taught us to be servants of all:
And so with all your people,
with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

The choir sings

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us:
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted,
and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again.

All remain standing

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, 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 when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you,
for 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 choir sings

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
**all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us we are bold to say
Our Father, **who art in heaven,**
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated bread and says

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The Communion

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God,
who has taken away the sins of the world.
Happy 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.**

Please be seated as the choir sings

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

*Please remain seated until your row is directed by a verger to come forward to receive communion.
Wherever you are from and whatever you believe you are welcome to receive at the table of the Lord. Gluten-free hosts are available.*

The Communion Motet

Ego sum panis vitae.

I am that bread of life.

Patres vestri manducaverunt manna in deserto, et mortui sunt.

Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

Hic est panis de coelo descendens: si quis ex ipso manducaverit, non morietur.

This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

Ego sum panis vivus, qui de caelo descendi.

I am the living bread which came down from heaven:

Si quis manducaverit ex hoc pane, vivet in aeternum:

if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever:

et panis quem ego dabo, caro mea est pro mundi vita.

and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

GP Palestrina (1525-1594)

John 6:48-52a

The Great Silence

When all have received Communion silence is kept. The silence is broken by the post-communion prayer.

Going Out as God's People

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God,
you have chosen and ordained these your servants
to be deacons in your church,
and given them the will to undertake this task:
Give them also the strength to perform it,
that they may complete the work which you have begun in them;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing & Dismissal

The Archbishop says:

Almighty God,
stir up in you the gifts of his grace,
sustain each one of you in your ministry;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with 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.

Please remain standing for the procession of choir and clergy and sit for the

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Dialogues sur le Grand Jeux (Veni Creator) – N. de Grigny (1672-1703)

which concludes the service

Please remain seated until your row is dismissed by one of the stewards.

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