



PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL



Eucharist

**in Celebration of the 30th Anniversary
of the Ordination of Women as Priests**

**Eve of Pentecost
Saturday 18th May 2024**

1400

A very warm welcome today for this special occasion. It is a great joy to welcome women and men from around the Diocese of Portsmouth and beyond as we celebrate together the thirtieth anniversary of the ordination of women to the priesthood in this Diocese.

In particular we welcome back a number of those who were ordained here in 1994 at the two services on Ascension Day and Pentecost, and also those ordained elsewhere in 1994 now living in this Diocese.

1994 'Roll of Honour'

(sadly some no longer with us)

** hoping to be here today

Catherine Bell (now Moss)

Jenny Lowater **

Rose Bullock

Mary MacVicar

Ann Burr **

Sue Martin

Juliet Grace

Jeannette Power

Betty Hammond

April Richards

Jane Hedges

Jane Richards **

Gill Hill

Margaret Sherwin

Doreen Jackson

Carol Smart

Ruth Jagger **

Beryl Stares

Sandra Lloyd

Fay Stranack

Ordained elsewhere in 1994 and hoping to be here today:

Jan Beer

Sarah Chapman

Susie Collingridge

Barbara Hammond

Karina Green

Clare Herbert

At this service: the Principal Celebrant is the Venerable Kathryn Percival,
Archdeacon of the Meon,
and the Preacher is Canon Angela Tilby, *Canon of Honour.*

Angela preached in 1994 at the Ordination Service in Manchester and led the 1994 retreat for Lincoln diocese. She preached again in 2004 for the 10th Anniversary services at Manchester, St Paul's Cathedral and York Minster.

The music today, sung by the Cathedral Choir (Girl Choristers) includes part of the Communion setting in G by Francis Jackson that was sung here in 1994 at the Ordination services. A new motet *Est enim in illa spiritus* has been composed for this occasion by Nora Rechel, our Organ Scholar.

The Gathering

Before the start of the service, the Dean escorts Mrs Annabelle Boyes MBE DL, representing His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire, to her seat.

At the entry of the Choir and clergy please stand, if you are able to, for the hymn.



**Called to worship, called to service,
called to bring God's presence near;
called to preaching, prayer and blessing;
speaking peace to conquer fear:
thirty years of joys and griefs
in priestly service gathered here.**

**We have walked where Christ has called us,
borne our cross and suffered pain.
To God's call we have responded,
and in loss have found our gain.
For indeed our God is faithful,
and we give our thanks again.**

**Called to tell salvation's story,
brought in safety through the sea;
brought into the new creation,
from the weight of sin set free;
called to speak of God's forgiveness —
at our voice let sorrow flee.**

**Here we stand where earth and heaven
meet in praise and offering;
here we make Christ truly present,
hearts and lives the gifts we bring.
Where our hands share blood and body,
hearts and souls and voices sing.**

**In this house of prayer and teaching
where our songs of praise arise,
Lord, receive our great thanksgiving,
joy that echoes to the skies:
all for God and all with gladness,
which our service sanctifies.**

Words: P. J. White (b.1986)
Tune: REGENT SQUARE

Please remain standing, if helpful and comfortable for you.

GREETING

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

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The principal celebrant welcomes the congregation and introduces the service.

As we begin this celebration,
we keep a moment's silence to remember those who inspired us,
and all who bore the cost and challenge
of vocations delayed and denied,
voices silenced and ministries rejected.

A time of silence is kept.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

God has called us to follow Christ,
and has formed 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.
Let us confess the times when we have failed to heed this call.

Deacon Lord Jesus, you said to your disciples:
'You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you.'
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, we know that the harvest is plentiful
and you have sent us as labourers into your harvest.

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you appointed us to go and bear fruit that will last.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

We sing the Gloria with the Cathedral Choir (Girl Choristers)

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Choir Glory to God, glory in the highest.
Peace to his people, peace on earth.



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

Choir Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father.



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

Choir We worship you...



glo-ry in the high-est.

Choir Give you thanks...



glo-ry in the high-est.

Choir Praise you for your glory.



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

Choir 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...



have mer - cy on us;

Choir you are seated at the right hand of the Father...



re - ceive our _____ prayer.

Choir Glory to God, glory in the highest.
Peace to his people, peace on earth.



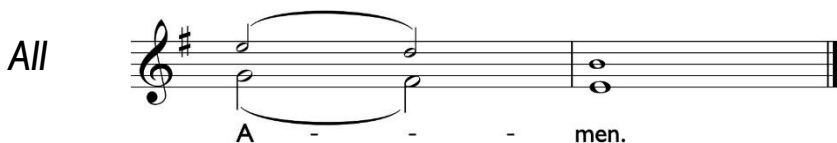
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est. Peace to his peo - ple, peace on earth.

Choir For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord;
you alone the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God, the glory of God the Father.



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

Choir Amen.



A - - - men.

Please remain standing, if you are able to, for the Collect.

THE COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Please sit for the reading.

The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the book of Exodus *read by the Revd Amy Adeniran,
one of the youngest women priests currently in the diocese.*

When the horses of Pharaoh with his chariots and his chariot drivers went
into the sea, the Lord brought back the waters of the sea upon them; but
the Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground.

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand;
and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing.

And Miriam sang to them:

‘Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.’

Then Moses ordered Israel to set out from the Red Sea

(15.19-22a)

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

Please remain seated as we sing.



**In our day of thanksgiving one psalm let us offer
for the saints who before us have found their reward;
when the shadow of death fell upon them we sorrowed,
but now we rejoice that they rest in the Lord.**

**In the morning of life, and at noon, and at even,
he called them away from our worship below;
but not till his love, at the font and the altar,
had girt them with grace for the way they should go.**

**These stones that have echoed their praises are holy,
and dear is the ground where their feet have once trod;
yet here they confessed they were strangers and pilgrims,
and still they were seeking the city of God.**

**Sing praise then, for all who here sought and here found him,
whose journey is ended, whose perils are past:
they believed in the Light; and its glory is round them,
where the clouds of earth's sorrow are lifted at last.**

*Words: William Draper (1855-1933)
Tune: ST CATHERINE'S COURT*

Please stand, if you are able to, for the Gospel reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Choir Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord;
and remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

All **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING

read by the Revd Jenny Lowater

a member of General Synod in 1992 and one of those ordained priest in 1994.

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

Jesus said: 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I.'

(14.23-28)

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

The Gospel is carried back.

Please sit after the preacher's introduction.

SERMON

After the sermon a time of silence is kept.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*led by Canon Norman Chatfield
who preached at both Ordination services in 1994.*

Response:

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

At the end:

All Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

President

All **Amen.**

Please stand, if you are able to, for the Peace.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

THE PEACE

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
All **and also with you.**

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All are invited to share a gesture or sign of peace.

*Please remain standing, if you are able to, for the hymn as the gifts are prepared.
A retiring collection will be taken at the end of the service.
The concelebrants move to gather round the altar table.*

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly__

live, a__ place where saints and chil - dren__ tell how__

hearts learn__ to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions: all are wel - come,

all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this

place. _____

v. 1-4 || v. 5

2. **Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus.
*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.***

**Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us.
*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.***

**Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger.
*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.***

**Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.
*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.***

*Words: Marty Haugen (b.1950)
Tune: TWO OAKS*

Please remain standing, if you are able to, for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Heavenly Father,
we set before you these gifts of bread and wine:
bless also the gift of our hearts and minds
as we offer our lives again in your service;
for Jesus Christ's sake.

All **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

All The Lord be with you
and also 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.

Eternal Wisdom, source of our being
and goal of all our longing,
we praise you and give you thanks
because you have created us, women and men,
together in your image,
to cherish your world and seek your face.

Divided and disfigured by sin,
while we were yet helpless you emptied yourself of power
and took upon you our unprotected flesh.
You laboured with us on the cross
and have brought us forth to the hope of resurrection.

Therefore, with the woman who gave you birth,
the women who befriended you and fed you,
who argued with you and touched you,
the woman who anointed you for death,
the women who met you, risen from the dead,
and with all who have loved you throughout the ages,
we praise you, singing:

The Choir sings.

*Setting: Francis Jackson in G
(sung at the 1994 Ordinations here)*

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.

The concelebrants join in with the principal celebrant.

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
All

Great is the mystery of faith:
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.

All

Amen.

Please sit or kneel.

A time of silence is kept before the Lord's Prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All **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.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Agnus Dei is sung by the Choir.

○ Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:
have mercy upon us.

○ Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:
have mercy upon us.

○ Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:
grant us thy peace.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us..

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

All are encouraged to come forward for Communion or a blessing.

*Please follow the instructions of the sidespeople. If you would prefer a blessing,
please carry this service booklet as a signal to the minister.*

*No one is obliged to receive the wine if they prefer not to – but intinction (dipping
the wafer into the cup) will not be permitted, so as to ensure the best safety of all.*

During Communion the Choir sings a motet specially composed for today.

Est enim in illa spiritus intellectus sanctus unicus multiplex
subtilis mobilis dissertus incoinquinatus
certus suavis amans bonum acutus
qui nihil vetat...

vapor est enim virtutis Dei
et emanatio quaedam est claritatis
omnipotentis Dei sincera.

*There is in her a spirit that is intelligent, holy, unique, manifold,
subtle, mobile, clear, unpolluted,
distinct, sweet, loving the good, keen, irresistible...
for she is a breath of the power of God
and a pure emanation of the radiance of the Almighty.*

Words: Wisdom 7.22,25
Music: Nora Rechel (b.2004)

We remain seated to sing together.

Refrain

Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for gi - ving us your Son, _____ and

leav - ing your Spi - rit till the work_ on_ earth is done.

**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.***

**Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain...**

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

Words and Music: Melody Green (b.1946)

We stay seated to pray.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**All For the gathering at your table, O God, we praise you.
For the feeding at your table, O Christ, we bless you.
For the renewing at your table, O Spirit,
we worship you.
May we who have gathered
go now to gather the fragments of a broken world.
May we who have been fed, go now to feed others.
May we who have been renewed,
go now to work for the renewal of the whole creation.**

All Amen.

Please stand, if you are able to, for the final hymn.



**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! 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.***

**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.
*Praise the Lord...!***

**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...**

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

Please remain standing, if you are able to.

ACT OF THANKSGIVING AND COMMITMENT

Let us give thanks for those who have fought
for an equal place and voice among God's people,
and let us give thanks for the grace we have known.

All **For all that has been, thanks.**

Let us give thanks for those we have served as deacons,
bearing the yoke of Christ
and washing the feet of his people;
and as priests, standing in the place of Christ
and ministering his blessing.

All **For all that has been, thanks.**

Let us give thanks for the richness and variety
of all the ministries represented here.

All **For all that has been, thanks.**

God calls us still to minister in Christ's name.
Let us commit ourselves again to God's service.

All **To all that shall be, yes!**

The Dismissal

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

May the boldness of the Spirit transform you,
may the gentleness of the Spirit lead you
may the gifts of the Spirit equip you
to serve and worship God;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Deacon Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

VOLUNTARY

Toccata 'Lauda Ierusalem' – Isabelle Ryder (b.1976)

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