



# COMMISSIONING OF AUTHORISED LAY MINISTERS

BY  
THE RIGHT REVEREND RUTH BUSHYAGER  
BISHOP OF HORSHAM

DURING THE CELEBRATION OF  
THE HOLY EUCHARIST

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

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# AUTHORISED LAY MINISTRY

Authorised Lay Ministers share in the public ministry of the local church, as they serve their local parishes. ALM ministry takes many different forms depending upon the parish base, but in general ALMs lead, establish or work within a team of people working in an area of ministry, and they also work to encourage and develop the gifts of others.

**Please pray for those to be commissioned as Authorised Lay Ministers in this Eucharist and the parishes in which they will serve:**

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*St Mary's, Slaugham*

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*St Mary's, Slaugham*

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*St Peter's, East Blatchington*

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# ORDER OF SERVICE

## THE GATHERING

*Please stand as the procession enters.*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN



A - men.

Christ is made the sure foundation,  
and the precious corner-stone,  
who, the two walls underlying,  
bound in each, binds both in one,  
holy Sion's help for ever,  
and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,  
dearly loved by God on high,  
in exultant jubilation  
pours perpetual melody,  
God the One, in Threefold glory,  
singing everlastingly.

To this temple, where we call thee,  
    come, O Lord of hosts, today;  
with thy wonted loving-kindness,  
    hear thy people as they pray;  
and thy fullest benediction  
    shed within its walls for ay.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
    gifts of grace by prayer to gain;  
here to have and hold for ever,  
    those good things their prayers obtain,  
and hereafter, in thy glory,  
    with thy blessed ones to reign.

Laud and honour to the Father,  
    laud and honour to the Son,  
laud and honour to the Spirit,  
    ever Three, and ever One,  
consubstantial, co-eternal,  
    while unending ages run. Amen.

*NEH 205*  
*c. 7<sup>th</sup>-century Latin, tr. J. M. Neale (1818-1866)*

*Westminster Abbey*  
*Henry Purcell (1659-1695)*

## THE GREETING

*The Bishop greets the people:*

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

*All*    **Amen.**

Peace be with you

*All*    **and also with you.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*All*    **Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

In baptism we died with Christ,  
so that as Christ was raised from the dead,  
we might walk in newness of life.  
Let us receive new life in him  
as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*All*    **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 Bishop pronounces 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.

*All*    **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO



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. 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

sea - ted 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

Let us pray.

Almighty God,  
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going before us  
you put into our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*All*    **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## THE FIRST READING

*Read by Hazel Pudney*

*Warden for Lay Ministry, ALM Worship and Liturgy*

My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Isaiah 55: 8-11*

## THE SECOND READING

*Read by The Reverend Felix Smith*

*Focal Ministry Officer, Tutor for the ALM Worship and Liturgy Elective*

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Romans 12: 1-8*

*Please stand.*

## HYMN



**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:  
unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:  
make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:  
powers and dominions lay their glory by;  
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:  
firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore.**

*NEH 186  
Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)  
based on Luke 1: 46-55*

*Woodlands  
Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)*

## THE GOSPEL READING

*Read by The Reverend Kate Bailey  
Tutor for the ALM Worship and Liturgy Elective*

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;  
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

*All*    **Alleluia.**

*When the Gospel is announced, the reader says*

*All*    The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

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

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy

slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Matthew 25: 14-30*

*Please remain standing as the Gospel procession returns, until invited to sit.*

SERMON

*The Bishop of Horsham  
The Right Reverend Ruth Bushyager*

## COMMISSIONING OF AUTHORISED LAY MINISTERS

*The Bishop invites the candidates for Authorised Lay Ministry to stand, and says*

We are called to be the Body of Christ, the community of the Holy Spirit. The risen Lord Jesus pours out on his baptized people gifts and graces for the various tasks of the Church.

Today we commission these people who have been selected to be authorised for ministry as pastoral carers, as worship leaders, as preachers and small group leaders, and for ministry in chaplaincy, rural ministry, care for creation and in mission.

*The candidates are presented to the Bishop by Gregory Moore, Officer for Lay Ministry and Training:*

Bishop Ruth, I present these persons to be commissioned as Authorised Lay Ministers.

*The Bishop asks*

Have they been sufficiently prepared for the duties of this office?

*Officer:* They have.

*The Bishop addresses those to be commissioned:*

Sisters and brothers, you have been trained as Authorised Lay Ministers to serve in your parishes and communities. I now ask you to answer before God and in the presence of this congregation:

Will you undertake your tasks wholeheartedly, faithfully, and alive to the joy that Christian service brings?

*Candidates:* **I will, with God's help,  
and the prayerful support of others.**

*The Bishop then addresses the congregation, saying*

You have heard our brothers and sisters affirm their intention. Will you pray for them, support and encourage them, so that Christ's church in this diocese may be built up in love?

*All* **We will, with God's help.**

*The Bishop addresses the candidates:*

I commission you for the ministries to which you have been called, and assure you of my prayers and support.

*The Officer for Lay Ministry and Training calls forward the candidates by name and ministry focus and they receive their certificates.*

*The Bishop blesses the newly commissioned Authorised Lay Ministers:*

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious to you;  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,  
and give you peace.

*All*    **Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Led by The Reverend Jamie Gater  
Deputy DDO, ALM tutor for Mission and Catechesis Electives*

*Please sit or stand. These responses are used:*

Lord, in your mercy                      or    Lord, hear us.  
*All*    **hear our prayer.**                      **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*And at the end:*

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

# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## THE PEACE

*Please stand.*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples  
and said, 'Peace be with you.'  
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

## THE OFFERTORY HYMN

*during which the bread and wine are brought to the altar, and a cash collection is taken to support the mission and ministry of Chichester Cathedral.*

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**Love Divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.**

Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation,  
perfectly restored in thee,  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

*NEH 408*  
*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

*Blaenwern*  
*William Rowlands (1860-1937)*

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*The Bishop says*

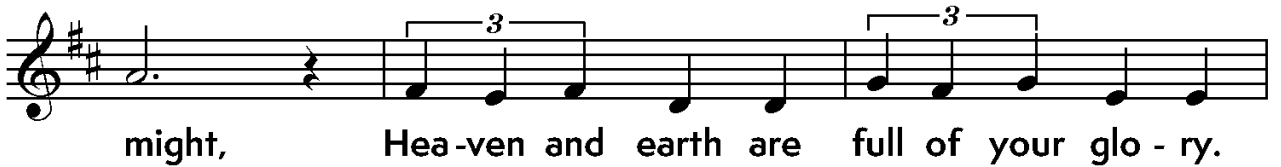
The Lord be with you  
*All* **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.  
For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.  
He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.  
And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



*The Eucharistic Prayer continues:*

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;

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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

*All* **Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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:

*All* **Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

*Please remain standing.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

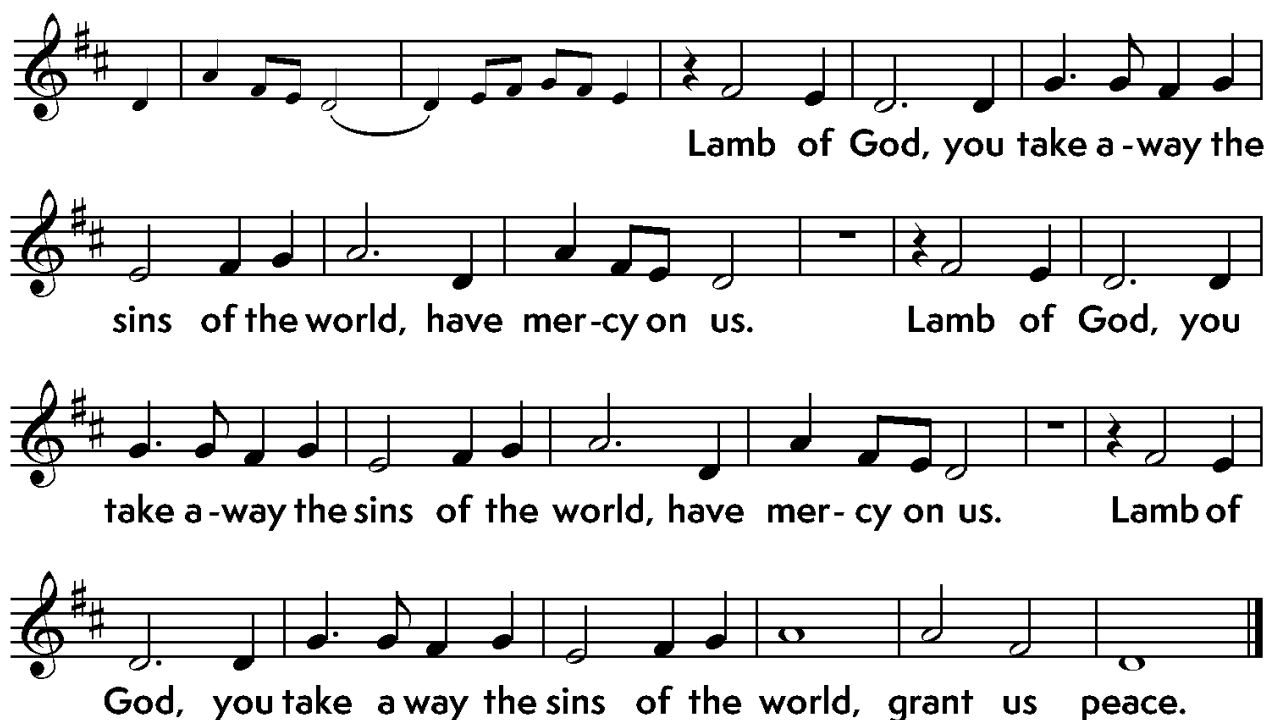
*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from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

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Bishop breaks the consecrated 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.**

## AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a-way the sins of the world, have mer- cy on us. Lamb of  
God, you take a way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

## GIVING OF COMMUNION

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

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

*The Bishop and people receive communion. Please sit until directed by the Stewards.*

*Members of all Christian churches are welcome to receive communion if they wish. Please indicate if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please come to the communion station and bow your head.*

*After you have received communion, **please try to maintain a prayerful silence.***

## HYMN DURING COMMUNION



Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have come to us,  
you are one with us,  
    Mary's Son;  
cleansing our souls from all their sin,  
pouring your love and goodness in;  
Jesus, our love for you we sing,  
    living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
now and every day  
teach us how to pray,  
    Son of God.  
You have commanded us to do  
this in remembrance, Lord, of you;  
into our lives your power breaks through,  
    living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have come to us,  
born as one of us,  
    Mary's Son;  
led out to die on Calvary,  
risen from death to set us free,  
living Lord Jesus, help us see  
    you are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
I would come to you,  
live my life for you,  
Son of God.

All your commands I know are true,  
your many gifts will make me new,  
into my life your power breaks through,  
living Lord.

NEH 297

Words and Music: Patrick Appleford (1925-2018)

#### HYMN DURING COMMUNION



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.

NEH 271  
W. Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

Hyfrydol  
Melody by Rowland Huw Pritchard (1811-1887)

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

*Please stand.*

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*All* **Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

# THE SENDING OUT

## HYMN



O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou for ever near me,  
my Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.

○ Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
○ give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my Friend.

○ let me see thy footmarks,  
and in them plant mine own;  
my hope to follow duly  
is in thy strength alone;  
○ guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my Friend.

*NEH 420*  
*John Bode (1816-1874)*

*Wolvercote*  
*William H. Ferguson (1874-1950)*

## THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

*The Bishop says*

The Lord be with you  
*All* **and also with you.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord  
*All* **who has made heaven and earth.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
*All* **now and for ever. Amen.**

The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
*All* **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
*All* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## CLOSING MUSIC

FESTIVAL VOLUNTARY

*Flor Peeters (1903-1986)*

*Please remain standing as the procession departs, and then sit for a period of quiet contemplation as the organ voluntary is played.*

We hope that you have enjoyed today's service.  
If you have not yet been able to make a donation, there will be an opportunity to donate either by cash or card as you leave (our Stewards will be available to assist you), or you can scan the QR code below to donate online.

