



**A Service of the Word  
with Renewal of Commitment to Ministry**

**Holy Week, 2020**

## ***The Gathering***

## **The Greeting**

*Dean Sue welcomes everyone, and then says*  
Jesus Christ has made us a kingdom of priests  
to serve his God and Father.

**Glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.**

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

*After a moment of silence, the Dean says the opening prayer.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our sisters and brothers  
we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## ***The Liturgy of the Word***

*Canon Myles reads the Gospel*

## **Gospel Reading**

*John 12. 1 - 11*

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

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

**A Reflection**  
*Bishop Beverley*

## ***The Renewal of Commitment to Ministry***

*Bishop Paul introduces the Renewal of Commitment, and says to all who are baptised*

At your baptism you turned to Christ,  
repented of your sins and renounced evil.

Do you now renew your allegiance to Christ?

**I do, and with God's grace**

**I will continue to follow him as my Saviour and Lord.**

*The Bishop says*

My sisters and brothers, 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.

We invite you now to dedicate yourselves afresh to his service, as stewards of the mysteries of God and ministers of his grace.

*The Bishop addresses the lay ministers*

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?

*The lay ministers reply*

**By the help of God, I will.**

*The Bishop addresses the deacons, including those who are also ordained priest and bishop*

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?

*The deacons reply*

**By the help of God, I will.**

*The Bishop addresses the priests, including those who are also ordained bishop*

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?

*The priests reply*

**By the help of God, I will.**

*A lay person addresses the bishops*

At your ordination as bishop 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?

*The bishops reply*

**By the help of God, I will.**

*The lay 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.

*All reply*

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Archdeacon Pete:*

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

*Silence is kept.*

Pray for all God's people in their daily life and work, that they may bear effective witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ in all that they say and do.

*Silence is kept.*

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

*Silence is kept.*

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.

*Silence is kept.*

Pray for our bishops, that despite unworthiness they may be faithful to the great trust that has been handed to them. Pray that they 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 us.

*Silence is kept.*

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

*Silence is kept.*

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 Lord's Prayer

*Bishop Paul says*

Together with all disciples in this Diocese of Liverpool and across the world, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## *The Dismissal*

*Bishop Paul says*

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 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.**

## The Blessing

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
come down upon you all and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Dean Sue says*  
Go in the peace of Christ  
**Thanks be to God.**

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