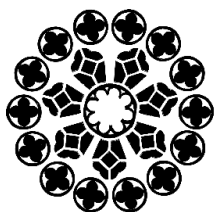
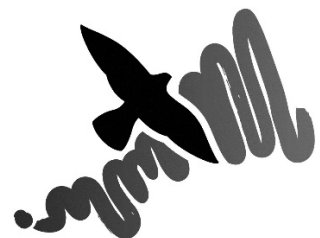


The Chrism Eucharist 2025



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ABOUT THIS SERVICE

Today's service is part of our preparation for Easter. In this service, we focus on the Renewal of our Vows of service and the Blessing of the Oils.

On this day, when we remember Christ, the anointed one and Servant King, it is appropriate that we, as his ministers, renew our own commitment to serve Christ, his people and his world.

Following the custom of the early church, today's service includes the blessing by the Bishop of the oils for use in baptism, confirmation, ordination and anointing of the sick.

The Oil of the Sick is blessed to be used in the Church's ministry to the sick and dying, following the example of the apostles and the teaching of St. James.

The Oil of Catechumens may be used in Baptism preparation and during the Baptism service itself. It is a sign of the grace of God anointing and strengthening those in his service.

The perfumed Oil of Chrism (from which this service takes its name) is a sign of the anointing of the Holy Spirit. The recipe for the oil comes from the book of Exodus chapter 31. Those who are baptised and confirmed may be marked with this oil, symbolising their place in the royal and prophetic priesthood of Christ's body. Chrism is also used at ordinations to the priesthood and at times of prayer for renewal. The perfume within the oil (cinnamon, myrrh, cassia and calamus) symbolises the sweet fragrance of the Holy Spirit.

During Communion you are also invited to receive prayer and anointing with the Oil of Chrism, as a sign of God's abundant grace for you in his mission, ministry and service.

Songs of Worship, as we gather.

You're King, and You reign over all things.

You're King, and You reign over all.

You're King, and You reign over all things.

You're King, and You reign over all.

V1. Over the invisible, over the visible,
Over all powers and kingdoms.

Over the invisible, over the visible,

Over all powers and kingdoms.

Over the invisible, over the visible,

Over all powers and kingdoms.

You're King and You reign over all.

V2. Over the invisible, over the visible,

Over our pilgrimage journeys (rpt)

You're King and You reign over all.

V3. Over the invisible over the visible.

When we get lost or we stumble (rpt)

You're King and You reign over all.

Jesus, the glory goes to You.

Jesus, to You all praise is due.

Jesus, we choose to worship You.

You're King, and You reign over all.

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When the music fades, all is stripped away,
And I simply come;

Longing just to bring something that's of worth

That will bless Your heart.

I'll bring You more than a song,

For a song in itself

Is not what You have required.

You search much deeper within

Through the way things appear;

You're looking into my heart.

I'm coming back to the heart of worship,

And it's all about You,

All about You, Jesus.

I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it,

When it's all about You,

All about You, Jesus.

King of endless worth, no one could express

How much You deserve.

Though I'm weak and poor,

all I have is Yours,

Every single breath.

Matt Redman

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The Gathering

Please stand as the Hymn begins. The Procession enters in the following order.

*The Thurifer
The Crucifer and Acolytes
The Readers of the Diocese
The Deacons of the Diocese
The Priests of the Diocese
The Cathedral Chapter
The Archdeacon of Cornwall
The Archdeacon of Bodmin
The Deacons of the Oils
The Sub-Deacon
The Dean
Bishop Hugh Nelson*

***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
'till all the world adore His sacred Name.***

**Come, let us follow where our Captain trod,
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God.**

**Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.**

**From north and south, from east and west they raise
in growing unison their songs of praise.**

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.**

**Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing peace.**

*Tune: Crucifer 707 A&M
Music: Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)*

Text: George William Kitchin (1827-1912)

The Bishop says:

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

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Words of welcome and introduction may be added.

Prayers of Penitence

A Deacon introduces the confession

My brothers and sisters, as we prepare to celebrate
the presence of Christ in word and sacrament,
let us call to mind and confess our sins.

All remain standing for a period of reflection and silent prayer.

We are often slow to follow the example of Christ.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy

We often fail to be known as Christ's disciples.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We often fail to walk the way of the cross.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy

The Bishop says:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins
to all those who with heartfelt repentance
and true faith turn to him: have mercy on you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and bring you to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

From the English Folk-Song Mass

**To God be the glory, all glory in the highest,
and peace to his people who dwell here below.
Our heav-en-ly Father, our Lord and our Sov'reign,
to you, the Al-mi-ghty, our praises bestow.
We worship and adore you, we bow here before you
with grateful thanksgiving, our song let us raise.
All glory and honour and glad adoration
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.**

**Lord Jesus, the only be-go-tten of the Father.
We praise and we bless you, the Son and the Lamb.
The sin of the world you have ta-ken up-on you,
Have mercy upon us, the great I AM.
For holy you meet us, yet lowly you greet us.
The Lord in the high-est, the Ho-ly One.
All glory to the Father, the Son and the Spirit,
from ages everlasting, the Three in One.**

Tune: The Ashgrove

Words: Mark Schweitzer (1956-2019)

The Collect

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, you anointed your Son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit and with power to bring to the world the blessings of your kingdom: anoint your Church with the same Holy Spirit, that we who share in his suffering and victory may bear witness to the gospel of salvation; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please sit

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 61:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines; but you shall be called priests of the Lord, you shall be named ministers of our God; you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations, and in their riches you shall glory.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

James 5.13-16a

A reading from the Letter of St James:

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Hymn (Psalm 23)

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

*Tune: Dominus Regit me NEH 457
J.B. Dykes (1823-1876)*

Words: H. W. Baker (1821-1877)

Gospel

The Deacon says

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Reverend Ali Hogger-Gadsby,
Dean of Ministry of St Mellitus College

The Rededication to Ministry

All lay-ministers and clergy stand. The Bishop says:

My brothers and sisters, 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. I 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?

By the help of God, I will.

The Bishop addresses the deacons (including priests and the 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?

By the help of God, I will.

The Bishop addresses the priests (including the 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?

By the help of God, I will.

The Dean addresses the Bishop:

At your ordination as a 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 Bishop answers:

By the help of God, I will.

The Dean 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 lay ministers and clergy reply:

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

The congregation stand and the Archdeacon of Bodmin says:

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

Lord, hear us.

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

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. **Lord, hear us.**

Pray for your bishops, that despite their 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 you. **Lord, hear us.**

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

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 Blessing of the Oils

All remain standing for the Hymn. The deacons bring the oils to the altar.

Hymn

**Blest by the sun, the olive tree
Brought clusters of fair fruit to birth,
Whose ripeness now we bring with
prayer,
Lord Christ, redeemer of the earth.**

**Eternal King, look down and bless
The oil your servants offer here,
And may it be a lively sign
Which all the powers of darkness fear.**

**From those washed in the sacred font
Let Satan's influence depart,
And when this oil the brow shall seal
Transforming grace invade the heart.**

**Our wounded nature thus be healed
By your anointing grace, O Lord;
In men and women so renewed
Shall God's own image be restored.**

**Lord Christ, the Father's only Son,
Who took our flesh in Mary's womb,
Give light to your anointed ones,
And break the power of death's dark
tomb.**

**So may this joyous paschal feast,
The time when saving grace is given,
Fill every Christian soul with praise,
And raise our minds from earth to
heaven. Amen.**

Tune: Hereford A&M 258. S S Wesly (1820-1876)

*Text: From an early Latin hymn.
Translated by R Rutt (1925 - 2011)*

A Deacon places the oil of the sick in front of the altar and says:

The oil for the anointing of the sick and dying

The Bishop blesses the oil, saying:

Creator of heaven and earth. Your Word brought light out of darkness,
and daily your Spirit renews the face of the earth.

Your anointed Son brought healing to those in weakness and distress.

He broke the power of evil and set us free from sin and death
that we might praise your name for ever.

Bless this oil by the power of your Spirit
that those who are anointed with this oil in your name
may be made whole in body, mind and spirit,
restored in your image, renewed in your love,
and serve you as sons and daughters in your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

A Deacon places the oil of catechumens in front of the altar and says:

The oil for the anointing of Catechumens

The Bishop blesses the oil, saying:

Blessed are you, sovereign God,
the protector of all who believe in you.

Your anointed Son overcame the powers of evil
when he was lifted high upon the cross.

Bless this oil by the power of your Spirit
that those who are anointed with this oil in your name;
as they come to the waters of baptism,
may receive it as a sign of your defence in their fight
against sin, the world and the devil,
and bring them to share in Christ's victory.

Blessed be God for ever.

A Deacon places the oil of Chrism in front of the altar and says:
The oil of Chrism

The Bishop mixes the perfume into the oil and then says:

Blessed are you, sovereign God and eternal Father,
upholding by your grace all who hear your call.
Under your Old Covenant priests and kings were anointed to serve you
and in the fullness of time you anointed your Son by the Holy Spirit to be
the Christ, the Saviour and Servant of all.
Bless this oil by the power of your Spirit
that those who are anointed with this chrism in your name
might be filled with joy and gladness
as they share in the royal priesthood of the New Covenant
and make known the kingdom of Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
we lift our voices of thanks and praise.

**Blessed be God,
our strength and our salvation,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament **The Peace**

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been
brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Deacon: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

**Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace, till we become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Tune: Down Ampney NEH 137
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

Text: Discendi, Amor santo Bianco da Siena (d 1434)
translated by Richard Littledale (1833–90)

The bishop prays the offertory prayer:

Jesus, true vine and bread of life,
ever giving yourself that the world might live,
let us share your death and passion:
that we may ever live in you. **Amen**

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good
always and everywhere to give you thanks
Holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
By the outpouring of your Holy Spirit
you anointed him to be the servant of all
and ordained that he should enter
into your kingdom through suffering.
And now he stands by us and pours out for our healing
the oil of consolation and the wine of renewed hope.
In your wisdom and love you anoint your holy people
to be a royal priesthood, to share in Christ's suffering
and to reveal his glory to the world.
Therefore earth unites with heaven to sing a new song of praise;
we too join with angels and archangels
as they proclaim your glory without end;

All sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might.
Heav'n 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, Hosanna in the highest.**

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.

The deacon says

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

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:

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

The Lord's Prayer

Lord Jesus, you taught us to call God 'Our Father',
and so we confidently 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.
And forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power and the glory, are yours
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
**we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God).

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis, miserere nobis. (rpt)

**Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem, Dona nobis pacem.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.
Have mercy on us. Have mercy on us. (rpt)
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.
Grant us peace. Grant us peace**

Music: Doug Gay/Late Late Service 1994

Giving of Communion

The Bishop says the following invitation to communion:

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Please sit

After you have received Communion, if you wish, please make your way to one of the stations to be anointed.

*During the distribution the following songs will be sung. Feel free to **join in with the singing** if you wish.*

Refrain: *Broken for me, broken for you,
the body of Jesus broken for you.*

1. He offered His body, He poured out His soul,
Jesus was broken that we might be whole: [Refrain]

2. Come to My table and with Me dine,
eat of My bread and drink of My wine: [Refrain]

3.This is My body given for you,
eat it remembering I died for you: [Refrain]

4.This is My blood I shed for you,
for your forgiveness, making you new: [Refrain]

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1.Holy Spirit, living breath of God
Breathe new life into my willing soul
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
To renew my heart and make me whole
Cause Your Word to come alive in me
Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for Your purity
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

2. Holy Spirit, come abide within
May Your joy be seen in all I do
Love enough to cover every sin
In each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least
Gentleness that sows the path of peace
Turn my strivings into works of grace
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

3.Holy Spirit, from creation's birth
Giving life to all that God has made
Show Your power once again on earth
Cause Your church to hunger for your ways
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
Will be clear for all the world to see.

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Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me;
melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me;

Daniel Iverson (1890-1972)

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After Communion

The Bishop says the Post Communion prayer.

Good Shepherd,
you have welcomed us at your table
and have anointed us with the oil of gladness:
may your goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our life
that we may dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **Amen.**

The following prayer is said.

**You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ,
and you have made yourself known in the breaking of the bread.
Abide with us, we pray, that, blessed by your royal presence,
we may walk with you all the days of our life,
and at its end behold you in the glory of the eternal Trinity,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

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.**

*Tune: Woodlands 186 NEH
Music: Walter Greatorex (1877–1949)*

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b 1926) after Luke 1

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

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 heavens, pour upon you the riches of
his grace.
Amen.

The Holy Spirit, the Comforter, equip you and strengthen you in your
ministry. **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 Deacon says:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Please note that the procession order reverses on the way out:

*The Thurifer
The Crucifer and Acolytes
The Bishop of St Germans
The Dean
The Sub-Deacon
The Deacons of the Oils
The Archdeacon of Bodmin
The Archdeacon of Cornwall
The Cathedral Chapter
The Priests of the Diocese
The Deacons of the Diocese
The Readers of the Diocese*

The ministers depart down the central aisle out of the West Door. If it is wet the procession then proceeds up the North Aisle to the North Transept. The Dean and Chapter invite you to stay for fellowship and refreshments in the Chapter House after the service.