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Saint Andrew's Church, St Andrews



Ordination to the Diaconate

by

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Feast of St Francis of Assisi

Sunday, 4th October 2020

at 4.30pm

WELCOME to this service for the Ordination of a Deacon, those who are present in St Andrew's Church and those who are present online.

Ordination, like becoming a Christian, is not an achievement and today is not a prize-giving or a graduation. It is an act of submission, an offering, a self-giving, to what the Liturgy calls, "bearing witness to the Lord who laid aside all claims of dignity, assumed the nature of a slave and accepted death on a cross." We are here to pray for Josh, for Ellie and their family, and for the congregations he will serve, as he is ordained today.

We thank the Rector, the Revd Canon Trevor Hart, and the congregation of St Andrew's Episcopal Church for enabling this service to take place here, and all those who are participating both in the church and online.

Especially we thank those taking special part today:

Presenters, the Revd Canon Trevor Hart and Rachael Wright

Readers, Eleanor Cockayne and the Revd Christian Selvaratnam

Organist, Richard Evans

Guitarist and singer, Taylor Telford

Soloist, Rachel Hart

Thank you also to all who have helped Josh to prepare to serve in the Ordained ministry of the Church. They include the people of St Michael-le-Belfrey, York (it is very good to welcome the Pioneer Minister of St Michael's, the Revd Christian Selvaratnam), and of St Andrew's, St Andrews, where we are today and where Josh will serve as assistant curate.

They also include the staff and students of the Scottish Episcopal Institute, with whom Josh has been in training, and some of whom are here today. The collection as we leave today's service, and for any online who wish to send a donation, is in support of the *SEI Training Fund*, which helps to fund the costs of full-time ordinands and stipendiary curates training with the Institute.

THE LITURGY OF PREPARATION

Grace and peace to you from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

**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.**

Confession and Absolution

God is love, and we are God's children, there is no room for fear in love.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We love because God loved us first.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

God, who is both power and love,
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by the Holy Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Collect

Almighty and everliving God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all members of your holy Church;
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.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

We SIT for the Reading and Psalm.

Reading

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans. *(Romans 12.1-13)*

I appeal to you, 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. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Silence.

Psalm

(Psalm 119.33-38)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I will observe it to the end.

Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.

Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.

Turn my heart to your decrees,
and not to selfish gain.
Turn my eyes from looking at vanities;
give me life in your ways.
Confirm to your servant your promise,
which is for those who fear you.

We STAND for the Gospel Reading.

Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

(John 13.3-15)

At that time, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!'

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord - and you are right, for that is what I am.

So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you."

Give thanks to the Lord for the glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

We SIT.

Sermon

THE LITURGY OF ORDINATION

Presentation of the Candidate

We STAND.

Josh Cockayne is presented by the Revd Canon Trevor Hart, and Rachael Wright.

Right Reverend Father in God, we present to you Josh Cockayne, who is commended by those in this Church who know him and by those who have taught and prepared him. We therefore ask you to ordain Josh to serve in the Order of Deacons.

Response of the Bishop

We SIT.

The Church is the People of God, the Body of Christ and the dwelling of the Holy Spirit. It is built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone.

In baptism every disciple is called to make Jesus known as Saviour and Lord and to share his work in renewing the world. Some by ordination are given particular tasks.

Deacons share with the bishop and presbyters in the ministry of word and sacrament and in works of love.

In a distinctive way deacons are a sign of the proclamation and humility which mark all service offered in the name of Christ, bearing witness to the Lord who laid aside all claims of dignity, assumed the nature of a slave and accepted death on a cross.

In the name of the Church, deacons are sent to declare the kingdom of God and to care for those in need, serving God and the world after the pattern of Christ. They have a commitment to outreach and witness, advocacy and prophecy, flowing from their ministry of caring for the poor, needy and sick, and of seeking out all who know their need of God. They are called to build bridges between the Church and the world, and to be an expression of the unconditional love of God.

To fulfil such a task is not in human power but depends upon the grace of God, to whom we now pray.

We KNEEL or sit for silent prayer.

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us
and accept us into your service:
strengthen us by your Spirit,
and make us worthy of your call;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

We SIT.

Declaration of the Candidate

The candidate stands before the Bishop.

Before you are admitted to the Order of Deacons, you must publicly declare that you intend to fulfil the duties of that office as the Church requires. I therefore ask you:

Do you trust that you are truly called by God to serve as a deacon in the Church?

I do.

Will you be a diligent minister of the Word of God, proclaiming the Gospel of the kingdom?

By the help of God, I will.

Will you respect the pastoral direction, leadership and guidance of your bishop?

By the help of God, I will.

Will you, as a deacon in the Church of God, be ready to help and serve those in need seeing in them the Lord Jesus Christ?

By the help of God, I will.

Will you devote yourself to prayer, to reading the Holy Scriptures and to all studies that will increase your faith and deepen your understanding of the truth?

By the help of God, I will.

Will you, in all your dealings with others, in the life of the Church and in your home, seek to show an example of obedience to the way of Christ?

By the help of God, I will.

May the Lord who has called you to this work, and given you the will to undertake it, also give you grace to perform it.

Amen.

Assent of the People

We STAND.

Do you, the people of God, trust that Josh is truly called by God to serve as a deacon in the Church?

We do.

Calling of the Candidate

In the name of the Holy Spirit and of the Church of Christ we call you to serve in the Order of Deacons.

Do you accept this call?

I do.

We KNEEL or sit as the candidate kneels.

The Prayer of the People

Litany

God the Father, **R. have mercy on us.**

God the Son, **R.**

God the Holy Spirit, **R.**

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, **R.**

By the greatness of your love, **R. good Lord, deliver us.**

By your coming in the flesh, **R.**

By your dying for your people, **R.**

By your rising to new life, **R.**

By your gift of the Spirit, **R.**

By the prayers of the whole company of Heaven,
draw us to yourself.

As you called Mary to be the Mother of the Lord,
sanctify our wills.

As you chose Francis, lover of the poor,
enlarge our hearts.

As you were glorified in Ninian, bringer of good tidings,
lighten our darkness.

As you empowered Columba, apostle of our land,
strengthen our weakness.

As you received the worship of Kentigern, Mungo the loved one,
deepen our love.

As you advanced your kingdom through the work of
Margaret, Mother and Queen,
fill us with zeal.

Guide and protect your Church, fill us with love and truth
and grant us that unity which is your will. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Make us bold to preach the Gospel in all the world
and to make disciples of all the nations. **R.**

Enlighten your ministers with understanding
and bless Josh now to be made deacon. **R.**

May he be an instrument of your peace,
a proclaimer of your truth, a bearer of your love. **R.**

May all your people hear and receive your word
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit. **R.**

Uphold the weak, raise up those who fall
and strengthen us all by your power. **R.**

Thanks and glory be to you, O holy Trinity, for calling us to your service.
to a heritage so great, a life so rich, a salvation so dearly bought.

All glory be to you, O Lord.

The Bishop continues:

Father of all,
your only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
came among us in humility,
proclaiming a kingdom of justice, love and peace,
in which the greatest are those who serve.

Through every age he sends his Spirit
to fill those whom he has chosen,
to equip his people for ministry,
and to build up his body, the Church.

You have called your servant Josh.

The Bishop lays hands on the head of the candidate.

Pour now upon him your Spirit
and make him a deacon in your Church;
send him to follow your beloved Servant, Jesus,
who washed the feet of his disciples;
that he may proclaim your love
in word and deed,
and lead your people
in the service of your kingdom.

May Josh be holy, disciplined and sincere;
his words and actions declare your truth,
and his life shine with the glory
of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who with you and the Holy Spirit
lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Giving of the Symbols

The Deacon is vested according to custom, and is given the Book of the Gospels.

Teach God's truth.

Draw people to his reconciling love.

We STAND.

The Bishop leads the proclamation of the faith of the 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 substance with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and was made human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again, 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
and 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 LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Sign of Peace

We meet in Christ's name.
Let us share his peace.

The Deacon greets other members of the Order of Deacons, and we greet each other.

Taking of the Bread and the Wine

We remain STANDING.

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.

Worship and praise belong to you, Father,
in every place and at all times,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
who, coming among us as one who serves,
taught us that the greatest in your kingdom
are those who make themselves least and the servants of all.

Through your Holy Spirit you bestow upon your people
a rich diversity of gifts and ministries,
and from this royal priesthood
you raise up men and women to proclaim your word,
to care for your people
and to be stewards of the mysteries of Christ.

You call them to serve the world your Son redeemed
and build up his body, the Church,
to the greater glory of your name.

As children of your redeeming purpose
we offer you our praise,
with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven,
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

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.

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father,
for the gift of your Son born in human flesh.

He is the Word existing beyond time,
both source and final purpose,
bringing to wholeness all that is made.

Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross.

By your power you raised him from the dead.

He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free
to be his Body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to death,
knowing that his hour had come,
having loved his own, he loved them to the end.

At supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.

He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:

"Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:

"Drink this, all of you.

This is my Blood of the new covenant;

it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven.

Do this in remembrance of me."

**We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by the Spirit's life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised
into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters
living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages,
world without end.

Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.
Lord, unite us in this sign.

We KNEEL or sit.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour has 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.
Do not bring us to the time of trial
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory,
are yours, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Holy Communion

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

*Baptised members of all Christian churches are welcome to receive Holy Communion,
and all are welcome to receive a Blessing at the altar.*

Thanksgiving after Communion

We *STAND*.

Give thanks to our gracious God
Whose mercy endures forever.

**Father, your steadfast purpose
is the completion of all things in your Son.
May we who have received
the pledges of the kingdom,
live by faith, walk in hope
and be renewed in love,
until the world reflects your glory
and you are all in all;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Blessing (*the Bishop*)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Blessed be the name of the Lord.
Both now and for ever.
Our help is in the name of the Lord.
The maker of heaven and earth.

The blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you, always.
Amen.

Dismissal (*the Deacon*)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

*Dear deacons, this is a grace you can implore daily in prayer.
You can offer the Lord your work, your little inconveniences,
your weariness and your hopes in an authentic prayer
that brings your life to the Lord and the Lord to your life.
When you serve at the table of the Eucharist,
there you will find the presence of Jesus,
who gives himself to you so that you can give yourselves to others.
In this way, available in life, meek of heart
and in constant dialogue with Jesus,
you will not be afraid to be servants of Christ,
and to encounter and caress the flesh of the Lord
in the poor of our time.*

Pope Francis - May, 2016



*We have been called to heal wounds,
to unite what has fallen apart,
and to bring home those who have lost their way.*

St Francis of Assisi