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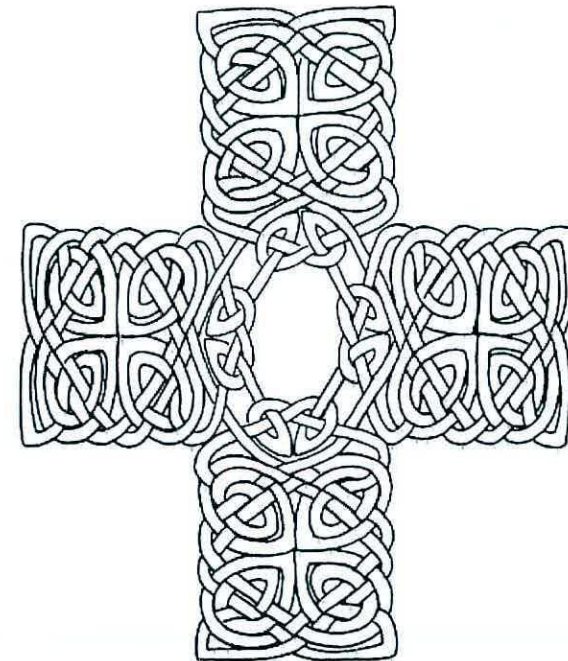
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WATCH Eucharist

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Notes to this service

Ministry of the Word

Please take part in the choral speaking

Voice 1 surnames beginning with A-H

Voice 2 surnames beginning with O-P

Voice 3 surnames beginning with Q-Z

In factory, office, home or hall
Where people struggle, strive or stall,
Seek out and serve the Lord of all
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Seeking and serving with one voice,
Confirm your calling and rejoice
Each is God's child and each God's choice.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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The Blessing

May the God who shakes heaven and earth,
whom death could not contain,
who lives to disturb and to heal us,
bless you with power to go forth
and proclaim the gospel
in the name of Christ, Amen.

Prayer after Communion

**God of our pilgrimage
You have led us to the living water.
Refresh us and sustain us as we go forward on our
journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Song

Sisters and brothers, with one voice
Confirm your calling and rejoice
Each is God's child and each God's choice
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Strangers no more but cherished friends
Live as the body God intends
Sharing the light the Spirit lends
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Not, though by wisdom, wealth or skill,
Nor by ourselves can we fulfil
What, for the world, is God's own will.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ is the way. By him alone
Seeds of the kingdom's life are sown
Patterns of heaven on earth are sown
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Then follow him through every day.
Fear not what crowds or critics say:
Those on the move stir those who stay.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GATHERING

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Song

There is a line of women, extending back to Eve,
whose role in shaping history
God only could conceive.
And though through endless ages
their witness was repressed,
God valued and encouraged them
through whom the world was blessed

So sing a song of Sarah,
to laughter she gave birth;
and sing a song of Tamar
who stood for women's worth
and sing a song of Hannah
who bargained with her Lord;
and sing a song of Mary
who bore and bred God's word

There is a line of women
who took on powerful men,
defying laws and scruples to let life live again.
And though despite their triumph,
their stories stayed untold
God kept their number growing,
creative strong and bold.

So sing a song of Shiphrah
with Puah at her hand,
engaged to kill male children
they foiled the kings command.

And sing a song of Rahab
who sheltered spies and lied;
and sing a song of Esther
preventing genocide

There is a line of women
who stood by Jesus' side,
who housed him while he ministered
and held him when he died.
And though they claimed he'd risen
their news was deemed suspect
till Jesus stood among them,
his womanly elect.

So sing a song of Anna
who saw Christ's infant face;
and sing a song of Martha
who gave him food and space.
And sing of all the Marys
who heeded his requests
and now at heaven's banquet
are Jesus' fondest guests.

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Prayer of Confession

We have responded to the Gospel of God's love for us in
Jesus Christ, but so often we have failed.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We desire to be united with the faithful of all ages living to
praise the God of wisdom and love, but so often we have
failed. Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

So today we share bread and wine together
as a symbol of our common humanity,
as a pledge that we will work for justice,
as a foretaste of that which can be
despite what has been.

May the Spirit that guides us all
be present in this feast,
taking this bread and wine,
the concerns we have expressed,
the lives that we lead, transforming them all
for the unity of creation
and the service of love.

**God, whose body is in all creation,
may we come to know you in all the earth
and feel you in our blood.**

**So will no part of us or the world,
be lost to your transforming grace.**

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia! This living bread is broken
For the life of the world.
Alleluia! Let us keep the feast

*All are invited to share Holy Communion or to receive a
blessing*

We give thanks
for the flow of human history;
for all the events that have shaped and moulded us
and all our sisters and brothers;
for those who question that history;
for those who unearth stories of the vanquished,
the oppressed, the forgotten, the unrecorded.
We give thanks
**and take our place in the human story,
struggling for the unity of humankind.**

Today we give thanks for Jesus of Nazareth,
in whom You were specially present,
a channel through which You were made known to
humanity.
On the night that he was betrayed, he feasted with his
followers;
He took bread, gave thanks, broke it
And gave it to his disciples, saying,
"Take this and eat it.
This is my body broken for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper,
He took the cup of wine, gave thanks,
and gave it to them saying,
"Drink from it all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many.
Do this whenever you drink it
in remembrance of me."

For all that Jesus of Nazareth means to us
We give thanks.

We long to be in partnership with God in serving one
another and living the Gospel, but so often we have
failed. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Nothing in heaven or on earth can separate us from the
love of God in Christ Jesus. May God forgive you, heal
you and bring you life. **Amen.**

Collect

God of tradition and of change, we give thanks for the
gifts and varied ministries of all who follow Christ.
Guide your Church as we pray for the opening of new
opportunities for women to serve you and your people as
bishops. May our hope be rooted in your love and your
faithfulness
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Leader: We remember the women of scripture whose
experience has inspired, saddened and challenged us

Voice 1: *Anna who worshipped at the temple*

Voice 2: *The woman caught in adultery*

Voice 3: *Lydia the seller of purple cloth*

Voice 1: *Tabitha, restored to life*

Voice 2: *Martha who served the Lord*

Voice 3: *The Samaritan woman at the well*

Voice 1: *Mary who held Jesus in her arms at birth and in death*

Voice 2: *The women who waited, preparing the spices and the ointments*

Voice 3: *Mary Magdalene, apostle to the apostles*

All: *We grieve for all that has been lost never to be recovered.*

We glory in all that has been recovered never again to be lost.

Voice 1: *Thecla who defied convention to travel with Paul, baptised herself, and was commissioned as a missionary in her own right*

Voice 2: *St Hilda who led communities of both men and women*

Voice 3: *St Teresa of Avila who believed that when we settle ourselves in solitude we will come upon God within*

Voice 1: *Hildegard of Bingen who, despite her many gifts, was overwhelmed by feelings of inadequacy*

Voice 2: *Nicola Slee who reminds us of the lost lives and witness of countless unremembered women*

Voice 3: *Kathleen Fischer, who speaks of contemporary women still thirsting for living water, still hoping to draw life from ancient traditions*

Voice 1: *Julian of Norwich, who, while surrounded by death and schism, was able to say, "All shall be well"*

Voice 2: *Josephine Butler who urged us to take the very stones over which we have stumbled and fallen, and use them to pave the road to heaven.*

Voice 3: *Florence Li Tim Oi who, at her ordination, simply saw herself as being obedient to God's call*

God our maker, send your Spirit,
Consecrate the bread we break.
Let it bring the life we long for
And the love which we forsake.
Bind us closer to each other,
Both forgiving and forgiven;
Give us grace in this and all things
To discern the hand of heaven.

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THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

The Eucharistic Prayer

We give thanks
for all that is good

We give thanks
for the continuity of the universe;
for the sun rising day by day,
and the moon rising night by night;
for all the life which we share with this planet;
for all the interactions and connections that bind us to it;
and the elements of which all is composed

We give thanks
and seek to live in harmony with all about us.

All: We grieve for all that has been lost never to be recovered.

We glory in all that has been recovered never again to be lost.

Song

Sing for God's glory that colours the dawn of creation,
Racing across the sky trailing bright clouds of elation;
Sun of delight succeeds the darkness of night,
Warming the earth's exultation

Sing for God's power that shatters the chain that would
bind us, searing the darkness of fear and despair that
could bind us.

Touching our shame with love that will not lay blame
Reaching out gently to find us.

Sing for God's justice disturbing each easy illusion,
Tearing down tyrants and putting our pride to confusion;
Lifeblood of right, resisting evil and slight
Offering freedom's transfusion.

Sing for God's saints who have travelled faith's journey
before us,
Who, in our weariness, give us their hope to restore us;
In them we see, the new creation to be
Spirit of Love made flesh for us.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Luke 13:10-17

Prayers of Intercession

At the beginning and end of the intercessions, we sing

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer:
When I call, answer me.

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer:
Come and listen to me.

Song

We who live by sound and symbol
We who learn from sight and word,
Find these married in the person
Of the one we call our Lord.
Taking bread to be his body,
Taking wine to be his blood,
He let thought take flesh in action,
He let faith take root in food.

Not just once with special people,
Not just hidden deep in time,
But wherever Christ is followed
Earthly fare becomes sublime.
Though to sound this be a mystery
Though to sense it seem absurd,
Yet in faith, which seems like folly,
We meet Jesus Christ our Lord.

Guildford Cathedral

CELEBRATE!



The 10th anniversary of
the first ordination of women
to the priesthood in the
Diocese of Guildford.

Saturday 1st May 2004



The first ordination of women to the priesthood in the Diocese of Guildford took place on 24th April 1994, when 32 women were ordained by Bishop Michael Adie, assisted by Bishop David Wilcox.

We now have more than 80 women working as priests in the diocese, serving in their places of work, in hospitals, prisons, schools, colleges, parishes and at the Cathedral. Half of our parishes have had women as part of their clergy teams, and 20 women are now in charge of churches.

It is strange now to many of us that 10 years ago all priests were men. Women as vicars, baptising, blessing, opening fetes, charring meetings, leading funerals and celebrating weddings now seems right and normal. So many women have done so many 'firsts' – for them and for us – during the last ten years. We are grateful to them and to God for the widening of our vision and experience: for their willingness to go where no woman has gone before, to be stared at, quizzed, held up as tokens, in receipt of others' unease and prejudice, as well as accepted and blessed. Today we remember them all, as well as the deaconesses, parish workers and campaigners who served and strived to make their ministry possible. We give thanks for all their lives and ministries.

We particularly welcome to this service representatives from civic life, from other churches, and from neighbouring dioceses.

The Diocese is grateful to WATCH Guildford for organising this service. WATCH (Women and the Church) is a national organisation supporting women in ministry and campaigning for women to take their place alongside men at all levels in the Church of England.

Welcome to Guildford Cathedral.

HYMN

1. Summoned by the God who made us
 Rich in our diversity,
 Gathered in the name of Jesus,
 Richer still in unity.
 Let us bring the gifts that differ
 And, in splendid varied ways,
 Sing a new Church into being
 One in faith and love and praise.

2. Radiant risen from the water,
 Robed in holiness and light,
 Male and female in God's image,
 Male and female, God's delight.
 Let us bring the gifts that differ
 And, in splendid varied ways,
 Sing a new Church into being
 One in faith and love and praise.

3. Trust the goodness of creation;
 Trust the Spirit strong within.
 Dare to dream the vision promised
 Sprung from seed of what has been.
 Let us bring the gifts that differ
 And, in splendid varied ways,
 Sing a new Church into being
 One in faith and love and praise.

4. Draw together at one table
All the human family;
Shape a circle ever wider
And a people ever free.
Let us bring the gifts that differ
And, in splendid varied ways,
Sing a new Church into being
One in faith and love and praise.

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Ch's on Foundation

*Greetings from the Rt Revd Ian Brackley,
Bishop of Dorking*

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be
with you
And also with you.

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.
**Let us rejoice and sing God's praise
for ever.**

We come as the Diocese of Guildford to give
thanks for, and to celebrate, ten years of women
sharing in the ordained priestly ministry of Christ.

PRAYER OF PENITENCE

Keeper and companion of us all, forgive us.
You call us, like Eve, to co-create new worlds;
**But we turn away and slip back into the
comfortable or the certain.**

You call us, like Miriam, to dance for freedom;
**But we turn away and glory in how far we
have come, forgetting how far we have to go.**

You call us, like Deborah, to judge our world, to
make decisions and offer counsel.
**But we turn away and apologise for our anger
and compromise our positions.**

You call us, like Naomi and Ruth, to love one
another;
**But we turn away and compete,
taking vengeance on those most like ourselves.**

You call us, like Mary, to be faithful bearers of
your word;
**But we turn away and strive to become
perfectionists.**

You call us, like Thecla and Phoebe, to begin a
new church;
**But we turn away and accept a place in the
system, rationalising things the way they are.**

Silence

May God forgive you,
That you may forgive others,
And that in doing so you may be made whole,
Through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord.
Amen.

New W. Included

THE PEACE

God has called us to live in peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.

Let us exchange a sign of peace.

*You are invited to greet those around you with a
handshake of welcome and friendship*

HYMN

1. Sing glory to God in the height of the heavens,
salvation and peace to his people on earth;
our King and our Saviour our God and our Father,
we worship and praise you and sing of your worth.

**Creation unites in the power of the Spirit,
in praise of the Father, through Jesus, the Son.
So complex, so simple, so clear, so mysterious,
our God ever three, yet eternally one.**

2. Lord Jesus, the Christ, only Son of the Father,
the Lamb who has carried our burden of shame,
now seated on high in the glory of heaven,
have mercy upon us who call on your name.

Creation unites...

3. For you, only you, we acknowledge as holy,
we name you alone as our Saviour and Lord;
you only, O Christ, with the Spirit exalted,
at one with the Father, for ever adored.

Creation unites...

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Please remain standing

Let us pray for a renewal of God's grace in our
various ministries.

Loving God,
the power of the powerless,
you have chosen as your witnesses
those whose voice has not always been heard.
Grant that, as women first announced
the Resurrection,
though they were not believed,
we too may have courage to persist
in proclaiming your Word
we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Please sit

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ruth 1:1-18

dramatised by members of Holy Trinity Church, Guildford

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Silence

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 12: 12-13

read by the Lord Lieutenant

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Silence

HYMN

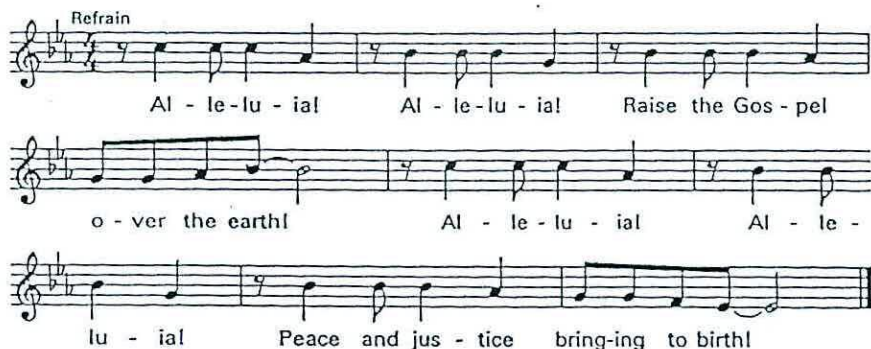
The chorus and verses 1-4 are sung before the Gospel Reading.

Heather Williams will dance an introduction to the Gospel during this hymn.

ALLELUIA! RAISE THE GOSPEL

Bernadette Farrell

Refrain

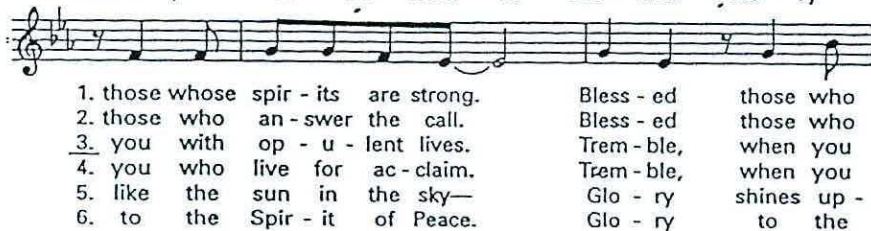


Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Raise the Gos - pel
o - ver the earth! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia! Peace and jus - tice bring-ing to birth!

Verses



1. Bless - ed those whose hearts are gen - tle. Bless - ed
2. Bless - ed those who work for jus - tice. Bless - ed
3. Trem - ble, you who build up rich - es. Trem - ble,
4. Trem - ble, you who thirst for pow - er. Trem - ble
5. Glo - ry like the stars of heav - en— Glo - ry
6. Glo - ry to the Word of Jus - tice. Glo - ry



1. those whose spir - its are strong. Bless - ed those who
2. those who an - swer the call. Bless - ed those who
3. you with op - u - lent lives. Trem - ble, when you
4. you who live for ac - claim. Trem - ble, when you
5. like the sun in the sky— Glo - ry shines up -
6. to the Spir - it of Peace. Glo - ry to the

to Refrain



1. choose to bring forth right where there is wrong.
2. dare to dream of last - ing peace for all.
3. meet the poor and see Christ in their eyes.
4. find no com - fort in your wealth and fame.
5. on all peo - ple, e - qual in God's eyes.
6. God of Love whose bless - ings nev - er cease.

All remain standing

THE GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 20:19-23

read by the Sub-Dean, Canon Dr Maureen Palmer

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN

The chorus and verses 5,6 are sung

SERMON

The Rt Revd Cate Waynick
Bishop of Indianapolis

Please sit or kneel

PRAYERS

by members of the Guildford Diocesan Ministry Course

Kyrie is sung and hummed during the prayers

Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son, Chris - te, e - le - i - son,

This musical system consists of a treble and bass staff in 2/4 time with a key signature of two flats. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son,

Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son.

This musical system continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It also consists of a treble and bass staff in 2/4 time with a key signature of two flats. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

Music Marty Haugen
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The prayers conclude with:

May the power of God this day enable us,
the nakedness of God disarm us,
the beauty of God silence us,
the justice of God give us voice,
the integrity of God hold us,
the desire of God move us,
the fear of God expose us to the truth,
the breath of God give us abundant life.
Amen and Amen.

THE OFFERING OF THE GIFTS

Please stand

Bread and wine are brought to the altar

With this bread that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

With this wine that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body, wine for his blood,
gifts from God for his table we bring.
We shall remember Jesus.

HYMN

1. See us, Lord, about your altar;
though so many, we are one;
many souls by love united
in the heart of Christ your Son.
2. Hear our prayers, O loving Father,
hear in them your Son, our Lord;
hear him speak our love and worship,
as we sing with one accord.
3. Once were seen the blood and water;
now he seems but bread and wine;
then in human form he suffered,
now his form is but a sign.

4. Wheat and grape contain the meaning;
food and drink he is to all;
one in him, we kneel adoring,
gathered by his loving call.
5. Hear us yet; so much is needful
in our frail, disordered life;
stay with us and tend our weakness
till that day of no more strife.
6. Members of his mystic body,
now we know our prayer is heard,
heard by you, because your children
have received th'eternal Word.

Words John Grealley

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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.

Eternal Wisdom, source of all 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 upon 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 your lovers throughout the ages,
we praise you saying:

**Holy, holy, holy,
vulnerable God,
heaven and earth are full of your glory;
hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he
who comes in the name of God;
hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is our brother Jesus,
who, before his suffering, earnestly desired
to eat with his companions
the Passover of liberation.

On the night before he died he had supper with
his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of
salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever
Amen.

Silence

Please sit or kneel

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

**We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

**Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

We welcome all to share in God's gracious love. Some may wish to come forward for a prayer of blessing; members of all Christian Churches are invited to receive the bread and the wine.

Please go to the nearest place where communion is being distributed

Songs will be sung – you are invited to join in as you wish

**Mayenziwe 'ntando yakho.
Mayenziwe 'ntando yakho.
Mayenziwe 'ntando yakho.
Mayenziwe 'ntando yakho.
Mayenziwe 'ntando yakho.**

**Your will be done on earth, O Lord.
Your will be done on earth, O Lord.
Your will be done on earth, O Lord.
Your will be done on earth, O Lord.
Your will be done on earth, O Lord.**
(from South Africa)

**Stand, O stand firm;
Stand, O stand firm;
Stand, O stand firm and see what
the Lord can do.**
O my sisters, stand very firm!
(O my brothers)
(O you children)

(O you elders)
(Let God's people)
(from Cameroon)

Thuma mina:
Thuma mina, thuma mina,
thuma mina, Somandla.

Send me, Lord:
(Lead me, Lord)
(Fill me, Lord)

Send me, Jesus; send me, Jesus;
send me, Jesus, send me, Lord.
(from South Africa)

During the final song "Masithi! Amen, siakudumisa!" all women who have been ordained as priests are invited to move to the central space to form an outward facing circle. Please bring your service booklets with you.

Masithi!
Amen, siakudumisa!
Masithi!
Amen, siakudumisa!
Masithi!
Amen, bawo.
Amen, bawo.
Amen, siakudumisa!

Sing praises!

Amen, we praise your name, O God!

Sing praises!

Amen, we praise your name, O God!

Sing praises!

Amen, amen.

Amen, amen.

Amen, we praise your name, O God!

(from South Africa)

Please sit

The Dean, the Very Revd Victor Stock, invites us to express our thanks and affirmation to the women who have served the Diocese as priests during the last ten years.

PRAYER OF THANKS AND COMMITMENT

The Dean Glorious God,
 as you have revealed yourself through
 words and music,
 in our listening and our remembering,
 in the bread and the wine,
 we give you thanks.

Circle of priests

We offer ourselves anew to serve your
people;
to challenge the powerful and speak for the
powerless,
to bring your healing to our communities.

All

**We pledge ourselves to support your
priests in their ministry.
Give us grace and wisdom to work
together in all our diversity.
As we go out from here
may we see you afresh in the familiar
and discover you in unexpected places
including all within the circle of your love.
Amen.**

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring
of water welling up to eternal life,
perfect in you the image of his glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you
always.

Amen.

So let us go in peace to the places of our
calling, across the world,
to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia.

In the name of Christ.

Amen. Alleluia.

HYMN

1. Sisters and brothers, with one voice
Confirm your calling and rejoice:
Each is God's child and each God's choice.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Strangers no more, but cherished friends
Live as the body God intends,
Sharing the light the Spirit lends.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. Christ is the way. By him alone
Seeds of the kingdom's life are sown
Patterns of heaven on earth are shown.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. Then follow him through every day.
Fear not what crowds or critics say:
Those on the move stir those who stay.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
5. Seeking and serving with one voice,
Confirm your calling and rejoice:
Each is God's child and each God's choice.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Words John L. Bell & Graham Maule
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*All are invited to continue the festivities with champagne
and celebratory cake in the nave.*

The Collection

Please use the envelope in this service booklet for the collection, and place it in one of the plates after the service. If you fill in the gift-aid declaration that will be an even greater contribution.

After covering costs, including those for the 'Reflections' booklet, proceeds will be used to support:

*WATCH (Women and the Church)
The Li-Tim-Oi Foundation (training women in the
third world for Christian ministry)
The Guildford Diocesan fund for ordinands
(male and female) in need of financial support.*

Our thanks

Guildford businesswomen and church members have been most generous in supporting this event. Champagne has been donated by them in honour of women who have been pioneers in many areas of work and life, as well as in the Church of England.

*We are particularly grateful to
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ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL



Celebration of the tenth Anniversary of the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood

Saturday 7 February 2004

1100



This service has been devised by a group convened by the Area Deans of Women's Ministry in the Diocese of London.

The Sub-Deacon is the Reverend Canon Lucy Winkett, Precentor and Canon Residentiary of St Paul's.

The Deacon is the Reverend Julie Gittoes, Assistant Curate of Hampton Hill.

The President is the Right Reverend and Right Honourable Dr Richard Chartres, Bishop of London.

The setting of the Gloria, Sanctus and Agnus Dei is Missa Brevis in D by Benjamin Britten (1913-76).

The service is sung by Aurora Nova, directed by Patrick Craig. The Organ is played for the service by Huw Williams, Sub-Organist of St Paul's and before the service by Duncan Ferguson, Organ Scholar of St Paul's.

Organ music before the Service:

Festival Diana Burrell
Nun Danket alle Gott Siegfried Karg-Elert
Toccata and Fugue in F BWV 540 J. S. Bach

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ORDER OF SERVICE

THE GATHERING

The Congregation stands as the Choir enter from the East end of the Quire, and take their places to the North of the Dome Sanctuary.

The Choir sings

PROCESSIONAL ANTHEM

During the singing of the Anthem, the Diocesan and visiting clergy enter from the Dean's Aisle and the Minor Canons' Aisle.

The Succentor, the assisting clergy, the Preacher, the Area Bishops, the Dean and Chapter, the Sub-Deacon, the Deacon and the Bishop of London enter from the West end of the Cathedral.

I was glad when they said unto me: We will go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand in thy gates: O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is built as a city: that is at unity in itself.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.

Words from *Psalms* 122

Music *C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)*
arr. David Andrews (b. 1946)

Bishop Peace be with you
All **And also with you.**

The Bishop introduces the liturgy.

All say **O God of glory and light
you call us beyond our imagining
to tasks beyond our powers.
empower our service and enlighten our worship
that we may know and proclaim the light of the world,
even Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

INTROIT HYMN



Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly;
The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
The Church with psalms must shout,
No door can keep them out;
But above all, the heart
Must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!

Words *George Herbert (1593-1633)*

Tune LUCKINGTON
Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Bishop 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.

Silence is kept.

Sally Barnes, Chair of London WATCH, says

We offer to God the fears within us that have not yet been cast out by love.

All **Gracious God, forgive us and heal us.**

The Reverend Rosémia Brown, Vicar of St James, Clapton, says

We offer to God the loveless anxieties of our lives that prevent the flourishing of ourselves and others.

All **Gracious God, forgive us and heal us.**

The Reverend Prebendary Duncan Ross, Vicar of St Paul's, Bow Common, says

We offer to God the arrogance of our will that disfigures all humanity.

All **Gracious God,
wise and strong, holy and immortal,
forgive us and heal us.**

Bishop May the God of wisdom and love
forgive you and free you from your sin,
and give you peace, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Congregation remains standing, and the Choir sings

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.	<i>Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.</i>
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Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam, Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.	<i>Lord God, heavenly King almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.</i>
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Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis; qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.	<i>Lord, Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.</i>
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Quoniam tu solus sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus altissimus Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.	<i>For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.</i>
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The Bishop says

Let us pray.

All remain standing to pray in silence.

The Bishop continues

Holy God, our creator and redeemer,
the folly of the cross mocks our human wisdom
and the weakness of the crucified
puts worldly power to shame.
Free your Church from every pretence of knowledge and might
that, by the power which flows from Christ's risen life,
your people may be fashioned into a living temple to your glory.
Grant this through the same Jesus Christ your Son,
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1. 18-25

Read by

The Reverend Malcolm Johnson

A reading from St Paul's first Letter to the Corinthians.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

At the conclusion of the reading

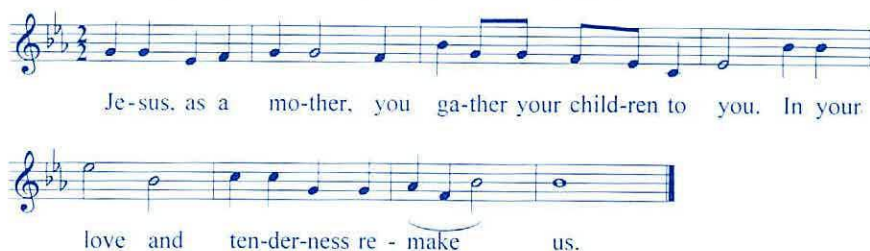
This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

All remain seated for

RESPONSORIAL CANTICLE: A SONG OF ANSELM

The Choir sings the following response, and all repeat it:



Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you:
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children;
Often you weep over our sins and our pride:
tenderly you draw us from hatred to judgement.

All sing the response.

You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds:
in sickness you nurse us, and with pure milk you feed us.
Jesus, by your dying we are born to new life:
by your anguish and labour we come forth in joy.

All sing the response.

Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness:
through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.
Your warmth gives life to the dead:
your touch makes sinners righteous.

All sing the response.

Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us:
in your love and tenderness remake us;
In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness:
for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us.

All sing the response.

Words based on St Anselm's

'Prayer to Jesus' by Michael Vasey (1946-98)

Music Colin Mawby (b. 1936)

SPEAKING FROM EXPERIENCE

Vivette Ferguson and the Reverend Elaine Jones speak from their own perspective of being ministered to by women; and of exercising the ministry of priesthood as a woman.

All stand to sing

GRADUAL 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.

Words *Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)*

Tune *WOODLANDS*
Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)

At the end of the hymn, all turn to face the Deacon.

Deacon The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

The Deacon announces the Gospel, and the Choir sings

Glory to you, O Lord.

MATTHEW 13. 44-52

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

The Choir sings

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The Reverend Angela Tilby
Vice-Principal of Westcott House, Cambridge

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

All stand

Bishop Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God

All **Though he was divine,
He did not cling to equality with God,
But made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave
He was born into human likeness.
He humbled himself
And was obedient to death
Even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
And given him the name that is above every name:
That at the name of Jesus
Every knee should bow,
And every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord
To the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

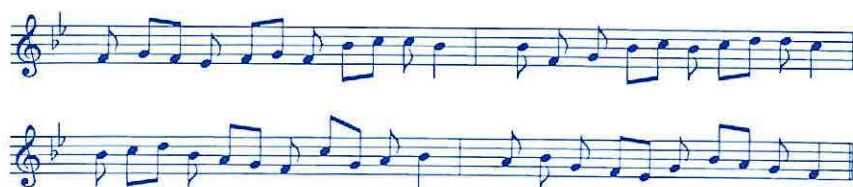
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

Sit or kneel.

The Reverend Simon Reynolds, Succentor of St Paul's, says

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us lift up our voices to the eternal creator of heaven and earth.

All sing



THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

All stand

THE PEACE

Bishop We who have been baptised have been clothed with Christ, and in him there is no Jew nor Greek, no slave nor free, no male nor female. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN

During which the bread and wine are prepared on the altar, and a collection is taken.



And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
 Amazing love! How can it be
 that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies
who can explore his strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine!
 'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
 let angel minds inquire no more.

He left his Father's throne above
so free, so infinite his grace
emptied himself of all but love
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
 'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
 for, O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night
thine eye diffused a quickening ray
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light
 my chains fell off, my heart was free
 I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread,
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living head
and clothed in righteousness divine.
 Bold I approach the eternal throne
 and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Words *Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

Tune *SAGINA*
Thomas Campbell's 'Bouquet' 1825

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Bishop As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so Lord may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

All **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Bishop The Lord be with you
All **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.

Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.
You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

The Choir sings

SANCTUS

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus	<i>Holy, holy, holy Lord</i>
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.	<i>God of power and might.</i>
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.	<i>Heaven and earth are full of your glory.</i>
Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Hosanna in the highest.</i>

The Bishop continues

How wonderful is the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.
From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.
He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
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.

The Sub-Deacon sings

Great is the mystery of faith:

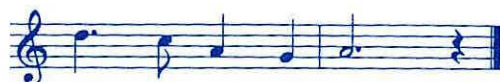
The Choir sings, and all repeat each phrase



Christ has died:



Christ is ri - sen:



Christ will come a - gain.

Father, we plead with confidence
 his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
 we remember his dying and rising in glory,
 and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
 these gifts of your creation;
 may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.
 As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
 form us in the likeness of Christ,
 and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.
 Reveal her unity, guard her faith,
 and preserve her in peace.
 Bring us at the last with Mary the mother of your Son, Paul,
 Mellitus and all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour
 for which you have created us;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
 by whom, with whom, and in whom,
 with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
 we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

The Choir sings, and all repeat each phrase



Sit or kneel.

Silence is kept.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bishop As we look for the coming of the kingdom, so we pray in the words Jesus Christ taught us.

All **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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread, and says

All We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many we are one body
because we all share in one bread.**

The Choir sings

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata
mundi: miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata
mundi: miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata
mundi: dona nobis pacem.

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

GIVING OF COMMUNION

The Bishop invites the Congregation to receive Communion:

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

All communicant members of Christian churches are invited to receive Communion. Others are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please follow the directions of the virgers and wandsmen.

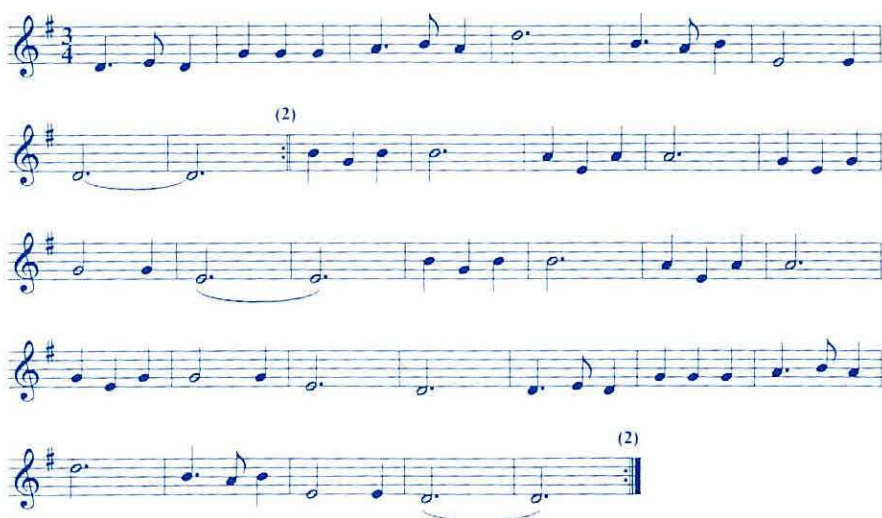
During Communion, the Choir sings the following anthem

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:
serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we
ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise:
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting:
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Words *Psalm 100*

Music *Dobrinka Tabakova (b. 1981)*

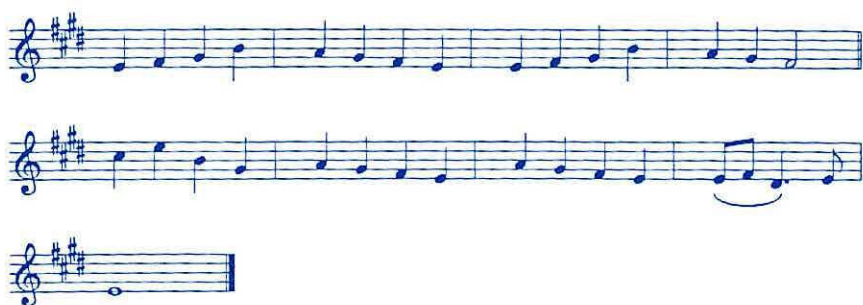
All sing the following hymns



Gather around, for the table is spread, welcome the food and rest!
Wide is our circle, with Christ at the head, he is the honoured guest.
Learn of his love, grow in his grace, pray for the peace he gives;
here at this meal, here in this place, know that his Spirit lives!
Once he was known in the breaking of bread, shared with a chosen few;
multitudes gathered and by him were fed, so will he feed us too.

Words *Jean Holloway (b. 1939)*

Tune *SKYE BOAT SONG*
Traditional Scottish Melody



Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

We are brothers on a journey,
we are sisters on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

Words *Richard Gillard* (b. 1953)

Tune *SERVANT SONG*
Richard Gillard
arr. *Betty Pulkingham* (b. 1928)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand and say together

**God of Truth whose Wisdom set her table
and invited us to eat the bread and
drink the wine of the kingdom:
help us to lay aside all foolishness
and to live and walk in the way of insight,
that we may come with all your faithful people
to the eternal feast of heaven:
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Bishop Holy God: From the beginning, before the world began,
Wisdom came to be;

All **let it be with us according to your will.**

In the market place and at the gates of the city
Wisdom calls and raises her voice;
let it be with us according to your will.

She rejoices in the whole world and delights in humankind;
let it be with us according to your will.

May Wisdom lead us in the paths of justice and righteousness;
**let it be with us according to your will,
in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Bishop gives the Blessing

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The Sub-Deacon sings

Go in the peace of Christ.

The Choir sings, and all repeat



Thanks be to God.

Remain standing as the Ministers and Choir depart.

All sing

RECESSIONAL HYMN



Living God, your joyful Spirit
breaks the bounds of time and space,
rests in love upon your people,
drawn together in this place.
Here we join in glad thanksgiving,
here rejoice to pray and praise:
Lord of all our past traditions,
Lord of all our future days.

As your bread may we be broken,
scattered in community;
we who know your greatest blessings
called to share Christ's ministry.
May we gently lead each other,
share our hunger and our thirst;
learn that only through our weakness
shall we know the strength of Christ.

Lord, when we grow tired of giving,
feel frustration, hurt and strain,
by your Spirit's quiet compulsion,
draw us back to you again.
Guide us through the bitter searching
when our confidence is lost;
give us hope from desolation,
arms outstretched upon a cross.

Living God, your power surrounds us,
as we face the way Christ trod,
challenge us to fresh commitment
to the purposes of God:
called to share a new creation,
called to preach a living word,
promised all the joys of heaven,
through the grace of Christ our Lord.

Words *Jill Jenkins (b. 1937)*

Tune ABBOT'S LEIGH
Cyril V. Taylor (1907-91)

Organ Voluntary: Toccata in G

Theodore Dubois

Sunday April 17th 1994: 3.25pm.

We processed out of the Cathedral Chapter house into the milling crowds. Press cameras clicked and whirled, people still queuing to get in smiled and waved, tourists pressed up against the crash barriers captivated by the moment, a police officer gave us the 'thumbs up'. Then we turned the corner to ascend the imposing Cathedral steps. I looked up and saw those huge, seemingly impenetrable, wooden Cathedral doors swing open. And in that moment it was as if those doors symbolised the Church of England, doors that had for centuries been firmly (and seemingly unassailably) closed to the ordained ministry of women, now opening, opening for us, opening for me. And we walked through those doors and heard the joyful singing of the packed Cathedral 'Christ the Lord is risen again! Alleluya! Christ hath broken every chain! Alleluya!'

The Reverend Prebendary Philippa Boardman

A Eucharist in Celebration of Holy Wisdom



WATCH
***Annual Meeting
18 November 2000
Parish Church of St John, Waterloo***

Opening Hymn

God beyond our dreams, you have stirred in us a memory;
You have placed your pow'rful spirit in the hearts of humankind.

Refrain

All around us we have known you, all creation lives to hold you.
In our living and our dying we are bringing you to birth.

God beyond all names, you have made us in your image;
We are like you, we reflect you, we are woman, we are man.

Refrain

God beyond all words, all creation tells your story;
You have shaken with our laughter, you have trembled
with our tears.

Refrain

God beyond all time, you are labouring within us;
We are moving, we are changing in your spirit ever new.

Refrain

God of tender care, you have cradled us in goodness,
You have mothered us in wholeness, you have loved us into birth.

Refrain

music and words: Bernadette Farrell

President

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 and also with you.

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

Deacon

In Holy Sophia, God calls us to abandon folly and walk the way of insight and wisdom. Let us repent of our self-centred folly and confess our sins in penitence and faith. (*silence*)

All

O God, you have searched us out and known us,
and all that we are is open to you.

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We turn to you, O God;

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we claim your love;

we choose to be made whole.

President

God who is both power and love,
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heal and strengthen you by the power of the Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ Jesus.
Amen.

The Collect

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Let us pray.

Loving, laughing God, you know and understand everything.
Guide wisely all that we do and guard us with your glory. Let
your Holy Wisdom move among us, give us the courage to choose
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Proverbs 8.3b, 28-31

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We pray for our friends and family, for all whom we love and who love us, grant that we may see in them a glimpse of your tremendous love.

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Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking: have compassion on our weakness, and give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Peace

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Deacon

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

Jesus calls us here to meet him,
As through word and song and prayer,
We affirm God's promised presence,
Where his people love and care.
Praise the God who keeps his promise;
Praise the Son who calls us friends,
Praise the Spirit, who among us,
To our hopes and fears attends.

Jesus calls us to confess him
Word of Life and Lord of all,
Sharer of our flesh and frailness,
Saving all who fail or fall.
Tell his holy human story;
Tell his tales that all may hear,
Tell the world that Christ in glory
Came to earth to meet us here.

Jesus calls us to each other:
Found in him are no divides.
Race and class and sex and language,
Such are barriers he derides.
Join the hand of friend and stranger;
Join the hands of age and youth;
Join the faithful and the doubter
In their common search for truth,

Jesus calls us to his table,
Rooted firm in time and space.
Here the church in earth and heaven
Finds a common meeting place.
Share the bread and wine, his body;
Share the love of which we sing;
Share the feast for saints and sinners
Hosted by our Lord and King.

words: The Iona Community; tune: Hyfrydol

The Preparation of the Gifts

The president takes the bread and says

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread
to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The president takes the wine and says

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All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

President

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

And now we give you thanks because your Holy Wisdom sustains all things and reveals you to us in your fulness.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power of might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
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We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said 'Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, '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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and wine.

We pray, your gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and the Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

President

As our Saviour taught, so we pray

All **Our Father....**

President

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrifice for us;

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

Fraction hymn

Bread is blessed and broken,

Wine is blessed and poured:

Take this and remember

Christ the Lord.

Share the food of heaven

Earth can not afford.

Here is grace in essence -

Christ the Lord.

Know yourself forgiven,

Find yourself restored,

Meet a friend for ever -

Christ the Lord

God has kept his promise

Sealed by sign and word:

Here, for those who want him -

Christ the Lord.

words and music: The Iona Community

President

Wisdom has built her house. She has mixed her wine, she has set her table. She calls from the highest places 'Come eat of my bread and drink the wine I have prepared.'

Communion Hymn

Dear Mother God, your wings are warm around us,
We are enfolded in your love and care;
Safe in the dark, your heartbeat's pulse surrounds us,
You call to us, for you are always there.
You call to us, for we are in your image.
We wait on you, the nest is cold and bare -
High overhead your wingbeats call us onward.
Filled with your power, we ride the empty air

Let not our freedom scorn the needs of others -
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words: Janet Wootton; tune: Londerry Air

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Send us forth renewed to be co-creators of the kingdom.
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Amen.

Blessing

President

May you call upon Wisdom and find her in all your thoughts.
Amen.

May her radiance enfold you and her laughter embolden you.
Amen.

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Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty, Creator, Redeemer and
Sustainer, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Deacon

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

Closing Hymn

Jubilate Deo,
Jubilate Deo,
Alleluia!

music: M. Praetorius

A Eucharist in Celebration of Holy Wisdom



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Opening Hymn

God beyond our dreams, you have stirred in us a memory;
You have placed your pow'rful spirit in the hearts of humankind.

Refrain

All around us we have known you, all creation lives to hold you.
In our living and our dying we are bringing you to birth.

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We are like you, we reflect you, we are woman, we are man.

Refrain

God beyond all words, all creation tells your story;
You have shaken with our laughter, you have trembled
with our tears.

Refrain

God beyond all time, you are labouring within us;
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We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said 'Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, '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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and wine.

We pray, your gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and the Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

President

As our Saviour taught, so we pray

All **Our Father....**

President

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrifice for us;

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Fraction hymn

Bread is blessed and broken,

Wine is blessed and poured:

Take this and remember

Christ the Lord.

Share the food of heaven

Earth can not afford.

Here is grace in essence -

Christ the Lord.

Know yourself forgiven,

Find yourself restored,

Meet a friend for ever -

Christ the Lord

God has kept his promise

Sealed by sign and word:

Here, for those who want him -

Christ the Lord.

words and music: The Iona Community

President

Wisdom has built her house. She has mixed her wine, she has set her table. She calls from the highest places 'Come eat of my bread and drink the wine I have prepared.'

Communion Hymn

Dear Mother God, your wings are warm around us,
We are enfolded in your love and care;
Safe in the dark, your heartbeat's pulse surrounds us,
You call to us, for you are always there.
You call to us, for we are in your image.
We wait on you, the nest is cold and bare -
High overhead your wingbeats call us onward.
Filled with your power, we ride the empty air

Let not our freedom scorn the needs of others -
We climb the clouds until our strong heart sings -
May we enfold our sisters and our brothers,
Till all are strong, till all have eagles' wings.
Dear Mother God, your wings are warm around us,
We are enfolded in your love and care;
Safe in the dark, your heartbeat's pulse surrounds us,
You call to us, for you are always there.

words: Janet Wootton; tune: Londerry Air

President

Let us pray.

God of truth,
whose Wisdom set her table
and invited us to eat the bread
and drink the wine of the kingdom:
strengthen us and bind us to each other
in the sharing of this holy meal.
Send us forth renewed to be co-creators of the kingdom.
living and walking in the way of insight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Blessing

President

May you call upon Wisdom and find her in all your thoughts.
Amen.

May her radiance enfold you and her laughter embolden you.
Amen.

May she lead you in the paths of peace today and evermore.
Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty, Creator, Redeemer and
Sustainer, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Jubilate Deo,

Jubilate Deo,

Alleluia!

music: M. Praetorius

Service for National MOW AGM

Saturday 20 November 1993

MUSIC: *Othona Psalms* by Colin Hodgetts. Sung by Evelyn Tubb

Introduction

Leader The Lord is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation:
sing to the Lord who has done marvellous things;
make them known to the whole world.
(ASB sentence for 5 before Christmas)

Group A Circle us God.
Keep your love near
and all fear afar.

Group B Circle us God.
Keep hope within,
keep despair without.

Group C Circle us God.
Keep light near
and darkness afar.

Group D Circle us God.
Keep peace within,
keep evil out.



Opening

Reader 1 *Advent Hymn* by Diana Burrell

Make cold the sun, fade the lamps, darken the skies,
we are not ready.
Crystals of winter frost and ice, take no light, no moonshine,
lest we see,
the buds on the black trees, the growth of the cross.
We are not yet ready.
Dark Winter.
We close ourselves.

Make strong the wild beginnings,
direct the ever-growing lights,
the time is almost ready.
Sharp, biting air, take every movement, every thought, consume
eternity's emotions
then, in the advent hours
we push out knowledge, joy and pain - the wreath of roses - crown
of thorns,
and Alpha and Omega - Christ.
The winter-light glows through the cold.

The dark is close - and ready.
Good friends, Good Luck, God-bless, goodnight.

Reader 2 *Canticle*

I look from afar and I see the power of God coming,
and a cloud covering the whole earth.
Go you out to meet him and say,
'Tell us, art thou the one that shall come to thy people Israel?'
High and low, rich and poor, men and women, one with another,
go you out to meet him and say,
'Tell us, O Shepherd of Israel, are you he that shall come?'

Stir up thy strength, O God,
and come to thy people Israel.
Even so, the Desire of all nations shall come:
and the House of God shall be filled with glory.

Reader 3 God our maker,
Like a mother you bring us to birth,
yet we find it hard to hear you called
Our Mother;

Heal our blindness
so that we may see the depths of your motherly love.
May we grow thankful for your joyful generosity
in creating and redeeming us in Christ.
Forgive us the times when, like rebellious children,
we have hurt or rejected you.
Help us to grow up
to understand how much you have loved us and always will,
so that we are glad to turn back to your faithful love
and are set free by your liberating power.

Amen.

All We turn to you, O God,
we renounce evil,
we claim your love,
we choose to be made whole.

MUSIC: *Uaithne*. Fiona Davidson on Celtic harp

While the music plays, you are invited to make the sign of the cross on your neighbour's forehead, and say:

God forgives you - forgive others - forgive yourself.

Becoming

Reader 4 Poem by Karin Lentz (translated from Swedish)

A woman . . .
that's the one who always has a bad conscience
because she is not somebody else
because she is not somewhere else
because she can't devote herself fully to her job, to politics, to
her home, to her education, to her subjects, to her children, to
society, to kindergartens, to school, to art, to culture, to the
others, to the old people, to the sick people
because she can't relax completely
because she can't work wholeheartedly
because she is in bits and pieces, in many pieces . . .
because she can't cope with women's fight for liberation
because she is still not the new woman, the solitary woman, the
independent woman, the woman with her own life, her own identity.

A woman . . .
that's the one who has a bad conscience
because she has taken up too many tasks;
because she can't manage everything successfully;
because she is not doing anything wholeheartedly;
because she is running, jumping, driving, flying from here to
there;
because she is occupied with trifles;
because she has a bad conscience for having a bad conscience.

But a woman . . . that's the one who really knows that her bad
conscience is not a bad conscience at all; on the contrary
it is a sensitive, sensible, reasonable, right reaction to wrong
conditions.

Litany of blessing for women taking authority

Woman Blessed is she who believed there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.

Women Blessed are you among women.

Man May you speak with the voice of the voiceless, and give courage to those in despair.

Men Blessed are you among women.

Woman May you feed the hungry of mind and heart, and send away satisfied those who are empty.

Women Blessed are you among women.

Man May you be strong to confront injustice, and powerful to rebuke the arrogant.

Men Blessed are you among women.

Woman May you not be alone, but find support in your struggle, and sisters to rejoice with you.

Women Blessed are you among women.

Man May your vision be fulfilled, in company with us; may you have brothers on your journey.

Men Blessed are you among women.

Woman Blessed is she who believed there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.

All Blessed are you among women.

Prayers around the candle

Leader I light this candle,
the light shines out,
the candle is transformed,
the spirit gives of herself,
we all receive.

The central candle is lit.

You are invited to go forward and light a candle, naming your prayer aloud if you wish.

Afterwards, a bell will be rung.

Leader Let us join hands as a symbol of the peace that exists between us.

Join hands.

Leader Julian of Norwich says,
'Peace and love are always alive in us;
but we are not always alive to peace and love.'

Ending

Group A We do not understand, eternal God,
the ways of your Spirit in the lives of women and men.

Group B She comes along secret paths to take us unawares.
She touches us in joy and sorrow to make us whole.

Reader 5 *Called to Become* by Edwina Gately

You are called to become
a perfect creation.
No one is called to become
who you are called to be.
It does not matter
how short or tall
or thickset or slow
you may be.
It does not matter
whether you sparkle with life
or are as silent as a still pool,
whether you sing your song aloud
or weep alone in darkness.
It does not matter
whether you feel loved and admired
or unloved and alone
for you are called to become
a perfect creation.
No one's shadow
should cloud your becoming,
no one's light
should dispel your spark.
For the Lord delights in you,
jealously looks upon you
and encourages with gentle joy
every movement of the Spirit
within you.
Unique and loved you stand,
beautiful or stunted in your growth
but never without hope and life.
For you are called to become
a perfect creation.
This becoming may be
gentle or harsh,
subtle or violent,
but it never ceases,
never pauses or hesitates,
only is -
creative force -
calling you
calling you to become
a perfect creation.

Reader 6 *The Gospel of John, chapter 12, verses 1-5 (TEV)*

Six days before the Passover, Jesus went to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, the man he had raised from death. They prepared a dinner for him there, which Martha helped to serve; Lazarus was one of those who were sitting at the table with Jesus. Then Mary took half a litre of very expensive perfume made of pure nard, poured it on Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The sweet smell of the perfume filled the whole house. One of Jesus' disciples, Judas Iscariot - the one who was going to betray him - said, 'Why wasn't this perfume sold for three hundred silver coins and the money given to the poor?'

The Gospel of Mark, chapter 14, verses 5b-9 (TEV)

And they criticized her harshly. But Jesus said, 'Leave her alone! Why are you bothering her? She has done a fine and beautiful thing for me. You will always have poor people with you, and any time you want to, you can help them. But you will not always have me. She did what she could; she poured perfume on my body to prepare it ahead of time for burial. Now I assure you that wherever the gospel is preached all over the world, what she has done will be told in memory of her.'

MUSIC: Scene music by Carl Nielsen

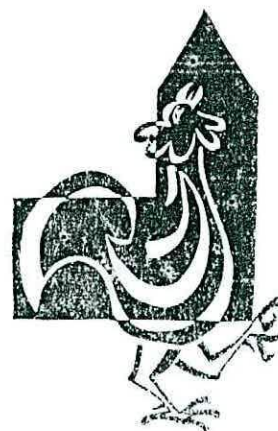
Group C She hides behind coincidence to lead us forward and
uses our human accidents as occasions for influence.

Group D We do not understand but
we welcome her presence and rejoice in her power.

All And so we go forth
to continue our journeys.
In our separateness,
we remain together.
And in our togetherness,
we find strength.

May the God who dances in creation,
who embraces us with human love,
who shakes our lives like thunder,
bless us and drive us out with power
to fill the world with her justice. Amen.

MUSIC: 'Ancient waters' from Cascade by Terry Oldfield



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WATCH AGM ACT OF WORSHIP St John's Waterloo 15th November 1997

Leader The peace of Christ be with you
All **And also with you**

God who lives beyond our time
before our beginnings and after
our endings:

**Take this moment
it belongs to you.**

God who entered our time in Jesus
and made things possible.

**Take this moment
it belongs to you.**

God who goes ahead of time, like
wind and flame before us.

**Take this moment
it belongs to you.**

We sing

Praise to you, our great Creator,
You rejoice when we are strong;
Fill our hearts with loving power;
Bring us Wisdom with your song.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
It's to you that we belong.

Praise to you, the Christ, Transformer,
You have shared our wilderness;
Lead us to the streams of mercy,
Purify our bitterness.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Human God of gentleness.

Praise to you, the Holy Spirit,
You can scorch us with your flame;
Forge our love within your furnace,
Burning guilt, destroying shame.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Dancing fire we cannot tame.

We pray

Loving God,

We confess that we have distorted your image in us.

We confess to misuse of our power;

**we have sought to dominate others and to impose our
will on them;**

**we have learnt to manipulate and deceive,
and we fear to confront injustice.**

We repent before God,

and before our sisters and brothers.

**We have prevented ourselves from feeling compassion
and tenderness;**

we have failed in courage and understanding,

and we have denied our gifts and the gifts of others.

We repent before God,

and before our sisters and brothers.

We have failed to obey God first;

**we have made an idol of work, ourselves and our
possessions.**

**We have helped to make a society based on aggression
and fear, where love is a private luxury.**

We repent before God,

and before our sisters and brothers.

**We have helped to create a world where there is
violence, resentment and distrust.**

**We seek God's forgiveness and reconciling love,
that we may do justice,**

**and so come without shame before the One who
delights in the human race.**

We affirm before God,

**and before our sisters and brothers
ourselves made in the image of God
and loved beyond measure.**

Reading: Judith 15: 14 and 16: 1, 13 -16.

Silence

A Song of the Spirit of Wisdom

**In Wisdom's company do all good things come
those who receive her are friends with God.**

I prayed and understanding was given to me;
I called on God

and the Spirit of Wisdom came to me.



*celebration
of prayer*

I preferred her to sceptres and thrones
and I accounted wealth as nothing
in comparison with her.

I loved her more than health or beauty
and I chose to have her rather than light,
because her radiance never ceases.

In her company, all good things came to me;
in her hands a wealth of true riches.

In all these things, I rejoiced,
because Wisdom brings them,
but I did not know that she was their mother.

What I learned without selfishness
I pass on without reserve,
I do not hide her gifts.

For Wisdom is an unfailing treasure for mortals;
those who receive her are friends with God

**Glory to God, Source of all being,
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be for ever. Amen**

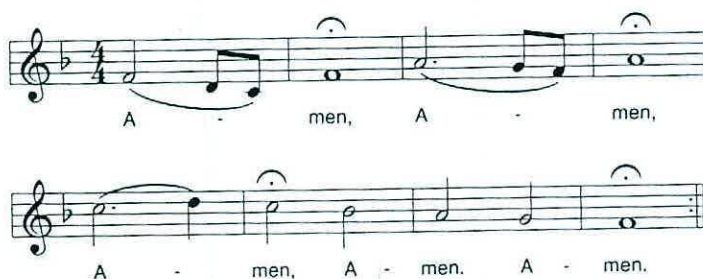
**In Wisdom's company do all good things come;
those who receive her are friends with God.**

A Blessing
Godly power strengthen your spine,
that you may walk upright.

Godly power preserve your shoulders,
that the burden which you carry,
may not crush you.

Godly power move your neck,
that you may freely move your head in the
direction where your desires lead.

The blessing of God be with you.
Amen, Amen



St John's Waterloo



WATCH
6 November 1999

Gathering for worship:

We have come together in this quiet space

To reflect upon our lives in the lives of the Christian mystery.

To pray for ourselves and others.

To deepen the sense of affection and understanding we have for each other,
women for women, men for men, and women and men for one another

Collect

Christ, whose insistent call

disturbs our settled lives:

give us discernment to hear your word,

grace to relinquish our tasks,

and courage to follow empty handed

wherever you may lead:

that the voice of your gospel

may reach to the ends of the earth. Amen.

Reading

Canticle

In prayer I inclined my ear

And my heart was stirred to seek Wisdom.

While I was still young,
I sought Wisdom openly in my prayer.

Before the temple I asked for her,
and I will search for her until the end.

From the first blossom to the ripening grape,
my heart delighted in her.

My foot walked on the straight path,
from my youth I followed her steps.

I inclined my ear and received her,
I found for myself much instruction.

I made progress in Wisdom,
to the One who sent her, I will give glory.

I directed my soul to Wisdom.
to the one who sent her, I will give glory.

I directed my soul to Wisdom,
and in purity I have found her.

With her, I gained understanding from the first,
therefore I will never be forsaken.
My heart was stirred to seek her,
With my tongue will I sing God's praise.

**Glory to God, Source of all Being
Eternal Word and Holy Spririt:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**In prayer I inclined my ear
and my heart was stirred to seek Wisdom.**

Gospel

Intercessions

Confession

We come seeking forgiveness for all we have failed to be and do as members of Christ's body.

Silence

**Loving and all-seeing God, forgive us where we have failed
to support one another, and to be what we claim to be.
forgive us where we have failed to serve you;
and where our thoughts and actions have been
contrary to yours, we ask your pardon.**

The merciful God forgive us all our sins,
Grant us grace and strength,
And bring us to the new life
Which is according to God's will. **Amen.**

The Peace

We meet to share this meal,
may it express our love for one another
our commitment to each other
and point us beyond ourselves
to the needs of the world.

The peace of God be with you.

And also with you.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to God

Let us give thanks to our gracious God

It is good to offer thanks and praise

Wisdom and truth, light and laughter, caring, feeding healing,

We give thanks and praise

Blessed are you, Loving God

Our light and our salvation,

To you be glory and praise for ever!

From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice and sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.**

How wonderful the works of your hands, O God!
As a mother tenderly gathers her children
You embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
Your love remained steadfast.

From then you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.
He offered his life for sinners
and with a love stronger than death
he opened his arms wide on the cross.

On the night before he died
He came to supper with friends.
And taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you:
do this is remembrance of me.
At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks and said:
Drink this, all of you; this 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.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

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

Holy God, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he prays for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy spirit on us and these your gifts,
which we bring before you from your own creation,
that they may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

May we who eat and drink these holy
things in your presence
be constant in prayer and strong in love
until all creation is made one in Christ.

Consecrate us in the truth,
and bring us with all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which we were created
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**By whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Loving God, in songs of everlasting praise:**

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

Silence is kept.

Following our saviour's example, let us pray:

**Beloved,
our Father and Mother,
in whom is heaven.
Hallowed be your name,
followed be your royal way,
done be your will and rule,
throughout the whole creation.
With the bread we need for today, feed us,
In the hurts we absorb from one another,
Forgive us.
In the times of temptation and test,
strengthen us.
From the trials to great to endure,
spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil,
free us.
For you reign in the glory
of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.**

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world:
**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
Which was given for you, and his blood which was shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that Jesus died for you, and feed
on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

After communion

**Gracious and loving God,
you have made us one in the body of Christ,
and nourished us at your table
with holy food and drink.
Now send us forth
to be your people in the world.
Grant us the strength to persevere in resisting evil,
and to proclaim in all we say and do.
your good news in Christ Jesus our saviour. Amen.**

May the God who dances in creation,
who embraces us with human love,
who shakes our lives like thunder,
bless us and drive us out with power
to fill the world with her justice. Amen.

Let us go in love and peace to share each other's joy and sorrow
to serve our God in this world she has made.
In the name of Christ, Amen.

Prayer and Blessing

Flame-dancing Spirit, come
Sweep us off our feet
And dance us through our days.
Surprise us with your rhythms;
Dare us to try new steps, explore
New patterns and new partnerships.
Release us from old routines
To swing in abandoned joy
And fearful adventure;
And in the intervals,
Rest us
In your still centre.

Amen

Go in peace and joy
In the name of Christ. Amen

**You shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace,
And the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy and the trees of the field
shall clap, shall clap their hands.
And the trees of the field shall clap their hands
And you'll go out with joy!**

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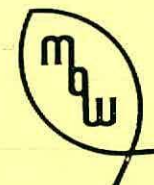
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SUNDAY EUCHARIST

9.30 am

MOW CONFERENCE

APRIL 10 1994



Call to worship
Jubilate Deo, alleluia

Collect for purity

Penitence

Happy are those whose sins are forgiven,
whose wrongs are pardoned.
I will confess my sins to the Lord,
I will not conceal my wrongdoing.

Silence

God forgives and heals us.
We need your healing, merciful God:
give us true repentance.
Some sins are plain to us;
some escape us, some we cannot face.
Forgive us;
set us free to hear your word to us;
set us free to serve you.

The president says

God forgives you.
Forgive others;
forgive yourself.

Silence

Through Christ, God has put away your sin:
approach your God in peace.

*Readings and Bible study,
followed by The Peace and coffee.*

In union with Christ, we pray:

Eternal Spirit
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples
of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love
now and for ever. Amen.

The Communion

Post-communion prayer

Most loving God, creator and redeemer,
we give you thanks
for this foretaste of your glory.
Through Christ and with all your saints,
we offer ourselves
and our lives to your service.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit,
to stand with you in your world.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant,
our friend and brother. Amen.

And the new things that I see
You'll be looking at along with me.

As I travel through the bad and good,
Keep me travelling the way I should.
Where I see no way to go
You'll be telling me the way, I know.

Give me courage when the world is rough,
Keep me loving though the world is tough.
Leap and sing in all I do,
Keep me travelling along with you.

You are older than the world can be,
You are younger than the life in me.
Ever old and ever new,
Keep me travelling along with you.

*(This hymn and the responses to the
intercessions were written by Sidney Carter)*

Blessing

Pray now, pray for a blessing.
Pray now, pray for a blessing.
A blessing of joy. A blessing of justice.
Love will increase a blessing of peace.

Send forth, send forth a blessing.
Send forth, send forth a blessing.
A blessing be yours now and forever.
Love will release a blessing of peace.
Love will release a blessing of peace.

(Medical Mission Sisters, 1982, 1987)

Dismissal

The Very Revd. David Edwards



*There will be a retiring collection to help cover
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JUBILATE DEO

A liturgy to celebrate the first
anniversary of the decision of the
General Synod of the Church of England
to admit women
to the ordained Priesthood



Southwark Cathedral

Sunday 7th November, 1993

6:00 p.m.

Welcome

The Very Reverend David Edwards
Provost of Southwark Cathedral

We remember our journey

a commemoration of an earlier liturgy

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

Collect

O God, the power of the powerless,
you have chosen as your witnesses
those whose voice is not heard.
Grant that, as women first announced
the resurrection,
we may have joy in proclaiming your word
and celebrating your sacraments,
in the power of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Reading

Luke 13:10 - 14

'Sarantanani'

*A Bolivian Hymn led by the choir and
accompanied by dance*

Tatanaca, mamanaca, Sarantanani!
Waynanaka, tawaconaka, sayt asinani.

Take Iglesia nacasaja mayaghasinani,
Mayaqui, takeni, Sarantanani.

Men and women, let us walk
and let's walk together.
Brothers, sisters, children and youth,
Let's all move together.

Let the Church be one strong Body,
walking together;
every member touched by each other,
keeping together.

Poem

Bent Woman

by Elizabeth Canham
(completed 11th November, 1992)

Silence

*Please use this short time to recall 11th
November last year and what has happened to
you and your friends since then.*

Jubilate Deo!

Jubilate Deo! Jubilate Deo!
Alleluia!

Address

Philip Sheldrake, S.J.

Silent Reflection

Intercessions

After the first section we will sing:

Travel on, travel on, there's a flower that is
growing,
A flower that is growing night and day.
Travel on, travel on to the flower that is
growing,
The flower will be with you all the way.
Travel on, travel on to the flower that is
growing,
The flower will be with you all the way.

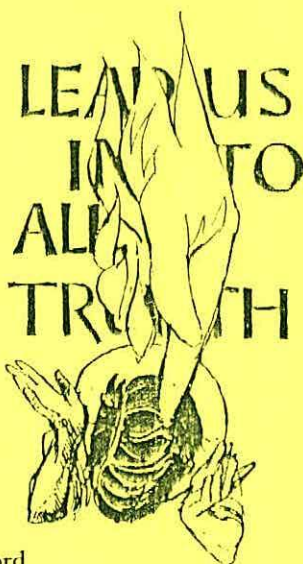
after the second section we will sing:

In the kingdom of heaven is my end and my
beginning,
And the road that I must follow night and day.
Travel on, travel on to the kingdom that is
coming.
The kingdom will be with you all the way.
Travel on, travel on to the kingdom that is
coming.
The kingdom will be with you all the way.

One more step along the world I go,
One more step along the world I go,
From the old things to the new
Keep me travelling along with you.

*And it's from the old I travel to the new,
Keep me travelling along with you.*

Round the corners of the world I turn,
More and more about the world I learn.



Prayer

Those who work for change suffer resistance.
So make us strong
Those who do new things sometimes feel afraid.
So make us brave.
Those who challenge the world as it is arouse anger.
So grant us inner peace.
Those who live joyfully are envied.
So make us generous.
Those who try to love encounter hate.
So make us steadfast in you.
Amen.

Singing

Jubilate Deo, Jubilate Deo, Alleluia.

Leader

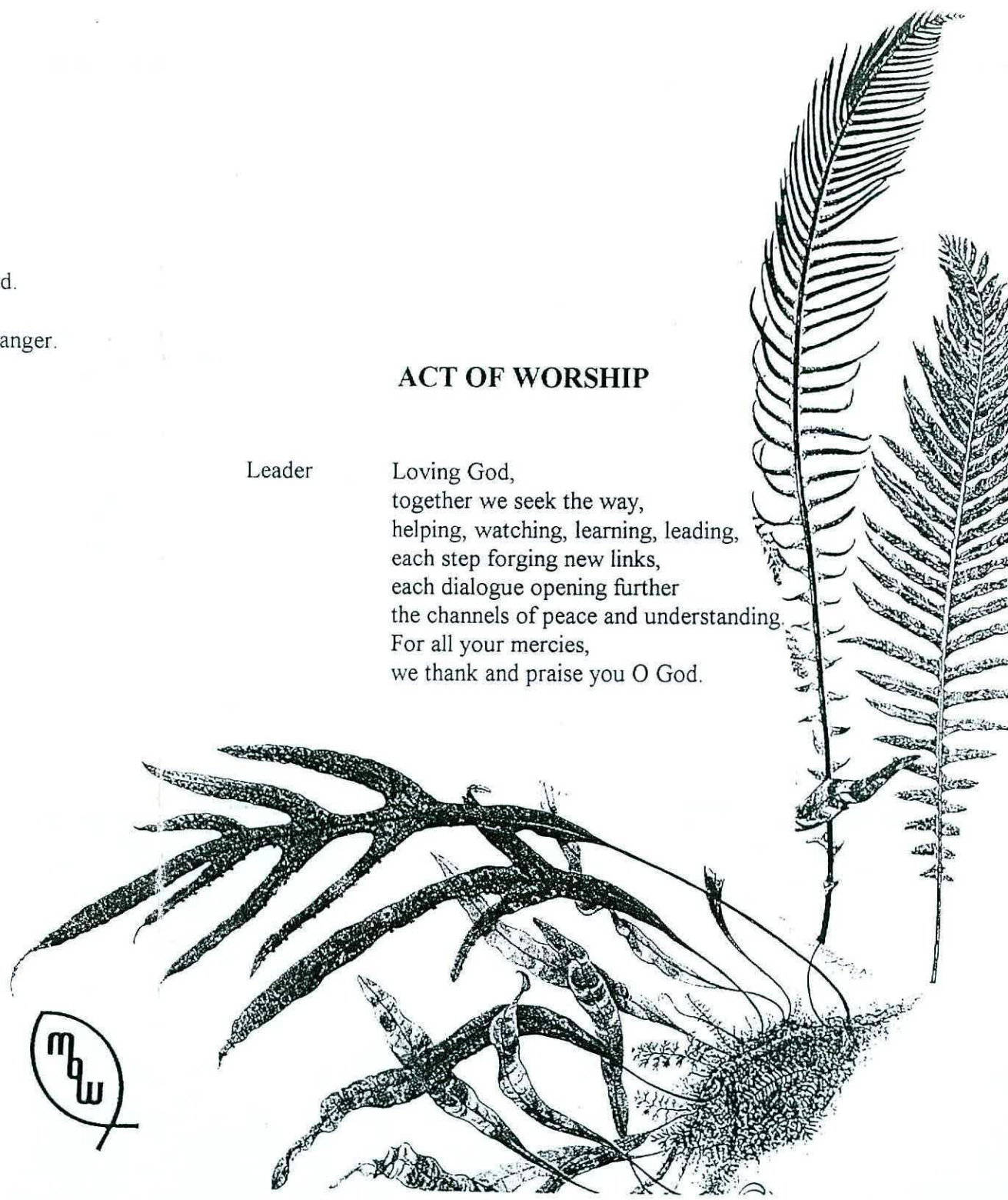
May the blessing of God go before you.
May Her grace and peace abound.
May Her Spirit live within you.
May Her love wrap you 'round.
May Her blessing remain with you always.
May you walk on holy ground.

Amen.

ACT OF WORSHIP

Leader

Loving God,
together we seek the way,
helping, watching, learning, leading,
each step forging new links,
each dialogue opening further
the channels of peace and understanding.
For all your mercies,
we thank and praise you O God.



Hymn

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926),
based on Luke 11:46-55
in *The New English Bible*

Magnificat

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.

2

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.

3

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.

4

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.

Reading

Ephesians 2.17-end

We affirm our faith

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

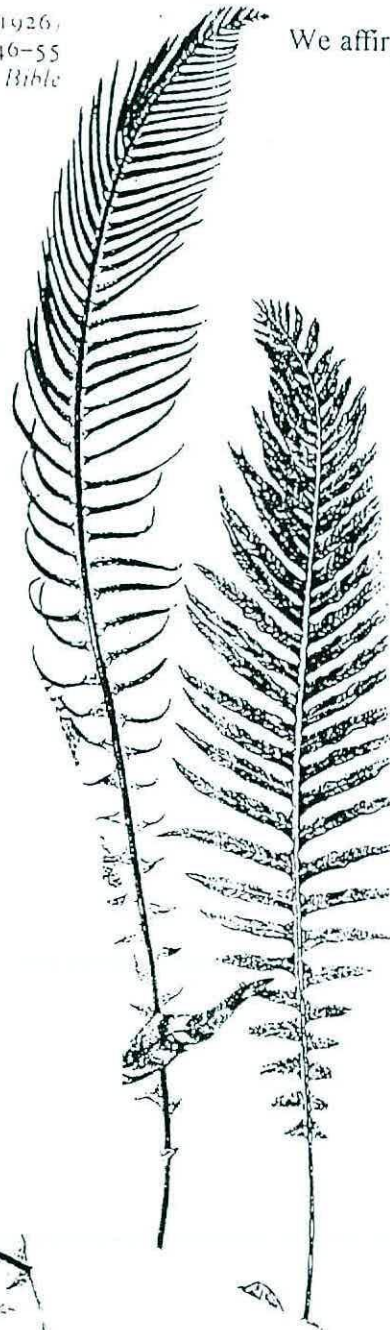
We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

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**A SERVICE TO MARK
5 YEARS SINCE THE
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ORDINATION OF WOMEN
TO THE PRIESTHOOD
IN THE
CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

11 November 1997

St Margaret's Church
Westminster





For remembrance and reflection...

EVERYONE SANG

Everyone suddenly burst out singing;
And I was filled with such delight
As prisoned birds must find in freedom
Winging wildly across the white
Orchards and dark-green fields; on; on; and
out of sight.

Everyone's voice was suddenly lifted,
And beauty came like the setting sun.
my heart was shaken with tears; and horror
Drifted away... O but every one
Was a bird; and the song was wordless; the singing
will never be done.

(Siegfried Sassoon)



Drinking the waters of Marah

At 6pm outside St. Edwards House in Great College Street

The lighting of the candles for the process to St. Margaret's Church

Leader:

We meet to celebrate the ordination of women to the priesthood passed five years ago near to this place. We come also to pray for the future. We light these candles to remind us of the journey past and to pray for the journey ahead.

We meet in the name of God the Holy Trinity

Response: Thanks be to God who brings justice and gives hope.

Say together

I light this candle

The light shines out

The Candle is transformed

The Spirit gives of herself

We all receive

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*Each candle is lit from another signifying our community in the love of God. The procession passes through Dean's Yard to St. Margaret's Church. At the main entrance to St. Margaret's Church the group begins singing **Jubilate Deo**.*

The candle lit procession enters the church singing *Jubilate Deo*. The procession moves to the front of the church and places the lighted candles on the table.

The congregation joins in singing *Jubilate Deo*.

When all the candles are placed the singing of *Jubilate Deo* finishes.

THE PREPARATION

Please sit

Welcome and Introduction

Rev. Canon Donald Gray and Rev. Phyllis Bates

Moderator of WATCH:

On November 11th 1992 the General Synod voted for women to be ordained to the priesthood in the Church of England. We come together to remember that joyous day when so many of our hopes were realised. We come also to reflect on the past five years, the advances and the disappointments and to pray in hope for the future. We worship our God who has brought us this far and seek the renewing waters of the Spirit for the journey ahead. Let us, like the people of Israel, stop by the waters of Marah, to drink the waters made sweet by the hand of God.

Hymn

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.

Open thou the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee.

President: Let us stand to pray.

Source of our being, Giver of eternal life,
we come before you with grateful hearts.

Holy One, blessed Trinity, thank you
for enriching your Church through the gifts of women.

Thank you for giving our ordained sisters,
the strength and courage to respond to your call.

Help your Church on earth to know
that you delight to come down to us through them.

As you share in their suffering
whenever you are rejected in them,
help us to receive the healing that your wounds can bring,
and through us bring that healing to the Church
you have called into being. **Amen**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Please sit

Old Testament Reading
Exodus 15:22-25a

Bitter water at Marah

Then Moses led the people of Israel away from the Red Sea, and they moved out into the Shur Desert. They travelled in this desert for three days without water. When they came to Marah, they finally found water. But the people couldn't drink it because it was bitter. (That is why the place was called Marah, which means "bitter".) Then the people turned against Moses. "What are we going to drink?" they demanded.

So Moses cried out to the Lord for help, and the Lord showed him a branch. Moses took the branch and threw it into the water. This made the water good to drink.

Silence during which the sound of pouring water is heard.

Please stand

Canticle - A Song of Deliverance

Refrain: All the earth, shout and sing for joy,
for great in your midst is the Holy One.

Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust and will not be afraid;

'For the Lord God is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.'

With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.

On that day you will say,
'Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;

'Make known his deeds among the nations,
proclaim that his name is exalted.

'Sing God's praises, who has triumphed gloriously,
let this be known in all the world.

'Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.'

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**All the earth, shout and sing for joy,
for great in your midst is the Holy One.**

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The Gospel

President: Hear the Good News for us today

Response: Open our ears to hear the Word of God

Gospel reading - John 4:7-26 - The Woman at the well

Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink." He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food. The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?"

Jesus replied, "If you only knew the gift God has for you and who I am, you would ask me, and I would give you living water."

"But, sir, you don't have a rope or a bucket", she said, "and this is a very deep well. Where would you get this living water?" And besides, are you greater than our ancestor Jacob who gave us this well? How can you offer better water than he and his sons and his cattle enjoyed?"

Jesus replied, "People soon become thirsty again after drinking this water. But the water I give them takes away thirst altogether. It becomes a perpetual spring within them, giving them eternal life."

"Please sir", the woman said, "give me some of that water! Then I'll never be thirsty again, and I won't have to come here to haul water."

"Go and get your husband", Jesus told her.

"I don't have a husband", the woman replied.

Jesus said, "You're right! You don't have a husband - for you have had five husbands, and you aren't even married to the man you're living with now".

"Sir", the woman said, "you must be a prophet. So tell me, why is it that you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place of worship, while we Samaritans claim it is here at Mount Gerizim, where our ancestors worshipped?"

Jesus replied, "Believe me, the time is coming when it will no longer matter whether you worship the Father here or in Jerusalem. You Samaritans know so little about the one you worship, while we Jews know all about him, for salvation comes through the Jews. But the time is coming and is already here when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for anyone who will worship him that way. For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth."

The woman said, "I know the Messiah will come - the one who is called Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us". Then Jesus told her, "I am the Messiah!"

President: This is the Word of life

Response: Thanks be to God

Please sit

Silence to reflect on the Gospel reading

Confession and Absolution

Leader:

Let us bring before God our need for forgiveness

Tender God,

Hear us as we confess our errors and failings.

Forgive us when we have lost hope,

When we have lacked compassion,

When we have been blind to the truth of your love.

When we have failed to forgive those who wrong us.

Transform the bitter waters that run deep within ourselves

And let us taste the sweet wine of your Spirit.

Amen.

President:

God forgives you

Forgive others

Forgive yourself

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Please stand

Statement of Faith

L: Who is our God?

R: The God who brings light out of darkness

L: Who is our God?

R: The God who makes sweet the bitter waters

L: Who is our God?

R: The God who stays with us in our pain

L: Who is our God?

R: The God who hears our cry

L: Who is our God?

R: The God who is vulnerable and full of compassion

L: Who is our God?

R: The God who is our strength and salvation

L: Who is our God?

R: The one who is majestic in holiness and
awesome in splendour

L: Who is our God?

R: The God who points the world to justice

L: Who is our God?

R: The God who sent Jesus to be our Saviour and brother
and the Spirit to comfort and challenge us

Hymn

Inspired by love and anger, disturbed by need and pain,
Informed of God's own bias, we ask him once again:
"How long must some folk suffer? How long can few folk mind?
How long dare vain self interest turn prayer and pity blind?"

From those forever victims of heartless human greed,
Their cruel plight composes a litany of need:
"Where are the fruits of justice? Where are the signs of peace?
When is the day when prisoners and dreams find their release?"

From those forever shackled to what their wealth can buy,
The fear of lost advantage provokes the bitter cry,
"Don't query our position! Don't criticise our wealth!
Don't mention those exploited by politics and stealth!"

To God, who through the prophets proclaimed a different age,
We offer earth's indifference, its agony and rage:
"When will the wronged be righted? When will the kingdom come?
When will the world be generous to all instead of some?"

God asks, "Who will go for me? Who will extend my reach?
And who, when few will listen, will prophecy and preach?
And who, when few bid welcome, will offer all they know?
And who, when few dare follow, will walk the road I show?"

Amused in someone's kitchen, asleep in someone's boat,
Attuned to what the ancients exposed, proclaimed and wrote,
A saviour without safety, a tradesman without tools
Has come to tip the balance with fishermen and fools.

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Our journeys since 1992

Three short reflections will be given

Intercessions

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand

The Peace

Sisters and brothers we are the Body of Christ
By one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.

Christ calls us to live in unity
We seek to live in the Spirit of Christ

The peace of God be with you all
In God's justice is our peace

The people exchange a sign of peace.

Hymn

Jesus calls us here to meet him,
As through word and song and prayer,
We affirm God's promised presence,
Where his people love and care.
Praise the God who keeps his promise;
Praise the Son who calls us friends;
Praise the Spirit, who among us,
To our hopes and fears attends.

Jesus calls us to confess him
Word of Life and Lord of all,
Sharer of our flesh and frailness,
Saving all who fail or fall.
Tell his holy human story;
Tell his tales that all may hear;
Tell the world that Christ in glory
Came to earth to meet us here.

Jesus calls us to each other;
Found in him are no divides.
Race and class and sex and language,
Such are barriers he derides.
Join the hand of friend and stranger;

Join the hands of age and youth;
Join the faithful and the doubted
In their common search for truth.

Jesus calls us to his table,
Rooted firm in time and space;
Here the church in earth and heaven
Finds a common meeting place.
Share the bread and wine, his body;
Share the love of which we sing;
Share the feast for saints and sinners,
Hosted by our Lord and King.

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THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

The bread and the wine are placed on the round table. The Chalice is filled and the Ministers take their place around the table.

The offerings of the people are presented.

Blessed are you, God of all creation;
through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your Kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here
God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord

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

God, our Creator, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ,
your living Word through whom you have created all things;

Who was sent by you, in your great goodness to be our Saviour;
by the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh
and, as your Son, born of the woman Mary,
was seen on earth and went about among us;

He opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;

And now we give you thanks
because as a mother tenderly gathers her children
you embraced a people as your own;

you led them through the wilderness
feeding them with manna and quails
and making bitter water sweet;
even now you are with us
going before us on our journey
and feeding us with the bread of life;

therefore with women and men of every age and race,
and with all the company of heaven
we find a voice to sing your praise:

**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.**

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 your gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Who in the same night he was betrayed,
took break 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 all of 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.

**We remember Christ's death;
We proclaim Christ's resurrection;
We await Christ's coming in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of all,
rejoicing at his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption;

We thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you;
we bring before you this bread and cup;

We pray you to accept this our duty and service
a spiritual sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
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 your saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through him from whom all good things come,
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,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please kneel or sit

Silence

Let us all say together this Meditation on the Prayer Jesus
taught us to say

**Eternal God
Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love-Maker
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God in whom is heaven.**

**The Hallowing of your name echo through the Universe!
The Way of your Justice be followed by the people of the world!
Your Heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your Commonwealth of Peace and Freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth!**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In time of temptation and trial, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of what is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.**

(From Prayer at Night, Jim Cotter,)

The Communion

**We break this bread, to share in the Body of Christ
Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share
in one bread.**

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on
him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

To receive communion please go the station nearest to you.

During communion please join in the songs being sung.

After Communion

God our Redeemer, 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 are all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the power and the mystery go before us,
to show us the way,
shine above us to lighten our world,
lie beneath us to bear us up,
walk with us and give us companionship,
and glow and flow within us giving us peace. AMEN.
(From Women Included, St. Hilda Community, SPCK)

Hymn

One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go,
from the old things to the new
keep me travelling along with you:

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*

Round the corner of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn;
All the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me.

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*

As I travel through the bad and good;
keep me travelling the way I should;
where I see no way to go
you'll be telling me the way, I know:

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*

Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough;
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with you:

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*

You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me;
ever old and ever new,

keep me travelling along with you.

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*

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The Blessing

The blessing of the God of Miriam, Aaron and Moses,
The blessing of Jesus born of the woman Mary.
The blessing of the Holy Spirit who flies on before us,
Be with you all now and for ever. **Amen.**

There will be a retiring collection

The Committee of WATCH wishes to thank the Rev. Canon Donald Gray, Rector of St. Margaret's Westminster and the Dean and Chapter of Westminster Abbey for allowing us to hold this service in St. Margaret's Church and for their kind assistance in the preparation of the service. Thanks are also due to AnnElise Smoot, the organist for the service and Nigel Harris, the Verger.

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WATCH AGM ACT OF WORSHIP
St John's Waterloo 7th November 1998

Grace, mercy and peace to us from God;
You are in the midst of us, O God; and we are called by your name.
Alleluia.

We sing

Dear Mother God, your wings are warm around us,
We are enfolded in your love and care;
Safe in the dark, your heartbeat's pulse surrounds us,
You call to us, for you are always there.

You call to us, for we are in your image.
We wait on you, the nest is cold and bare -
High overhead your wingbeats call us onward.
Filled with your power, we ride the empty air.

Let not our freedom scorn the needs of others -
We climb the clouds until our strong heart sings -
May we enfold our sisters and our brothers,
Till all are strong, till all have eagles' wings. Janet Wootton

Let us celebrate and affirm our faith in the words of Mary's song:

My heart praises you, O God,
My spirit rejoices in you my Saviour,
You have remembered me in my lowliness
And now I will be called blessed.
You have done great things for me
And shown mercy to all those who trust you.
You have stretched out your right arm
And scattered the proud with all their plans
You have brought down the mighty from their thrones
And lifted up the lowly.
You have filled the hungry with good things
And sent the rich away with empty hands.
You have kept your promise to our mothers and fathers
And come to the help of your people, to Abraham, Sarah and to Hagar,
to all generations for ever. Amen

Reading Isaiah 55: 6-11 followed by a short time of silence

God who lives beyond our time before our beginnings and after our endings:

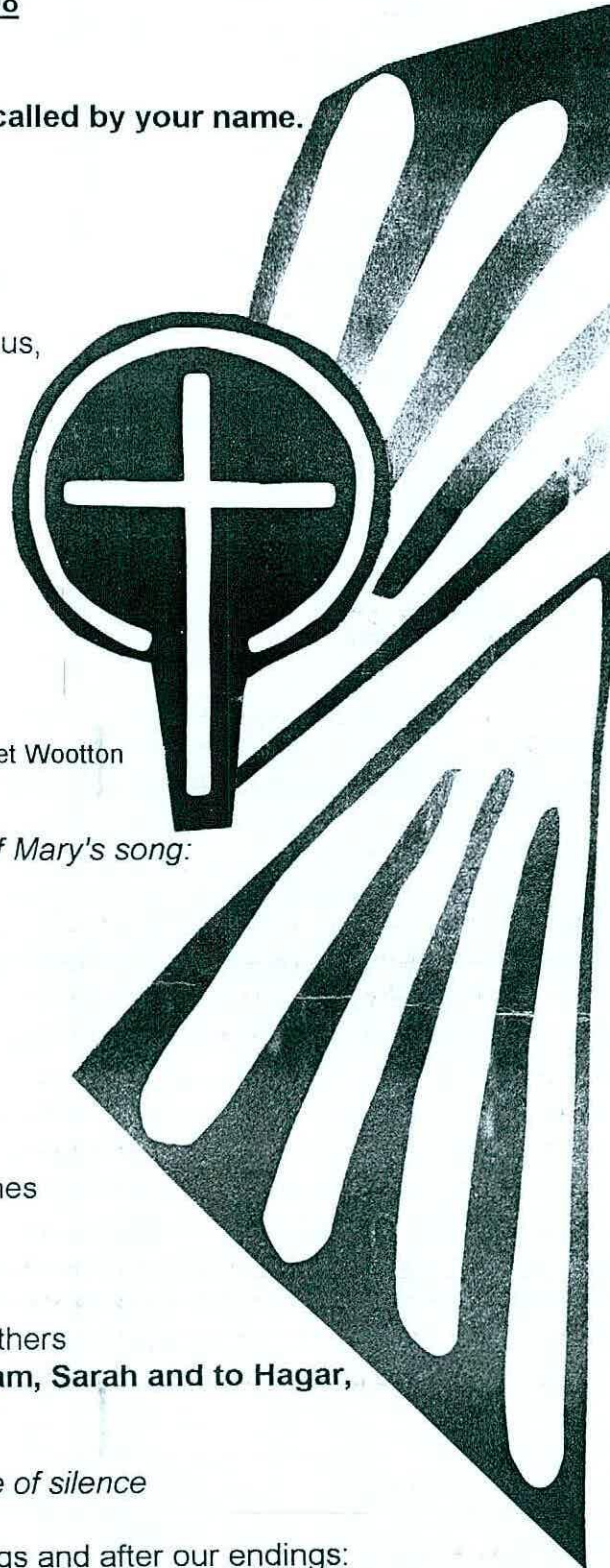
Take this moment, it belongs to you.

God who entered our time in Jesus and made things possible.

Take this moment, it belongs to you.

God who goes ahead of time, like wind and flame before us.

Take this moment, it belongs to you.



Beloved, our Father and Mother, in whom is heaven.
Hallowed be your name, followed by your royal way,
done be your will and rule, throughout the whole creation.
With the bread we need for today, feed us,
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
For trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.
Amen.

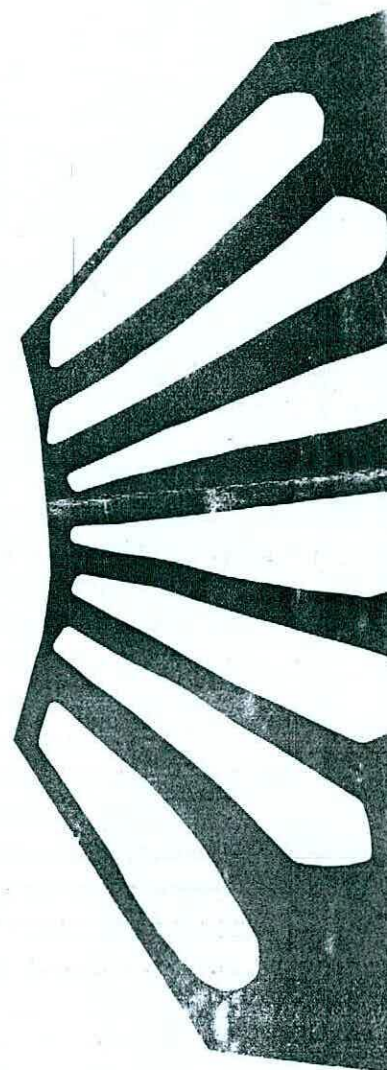
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We'll weave a cloth of all the world united
Within the vision of a Christ who sets us free.

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June Boyce-Tillman

A blessing on you who are poor,
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You shall be comforted.
A blessing on you who hunger for justice,
You shall be satisfied.
A blessing on you who make peace,
You shall be called children of God.
A blessing on you who are persecuted in the cause of right,
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Our hearts and on our houses,
The blessing of God.
In our coming and our going,
The peace of God.
In our life and our believing,
The love of God.
At our end and new beginning,
The arms of God to welcome us and bring us home. Amen.



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Grace, mercy and peace to us from God;
You are in the midst of us, O God; and we are called by your name.
Alleluia.

We sing

Dear Mother God, your wings are warm around us,
We are enfolded in your love and care;
Safe in the dark, your heartbeat's pulse surrounds us,
You call to us, for you are always there.

You call to us, for we are in your image.
We wait on you, the nest is cold and bare -
High overhead your wingbeats call us onward.
Filled with your power, we ride the empty air.

Let not our freedom scorn the needs of others -
We climb the clouds until our strong heart sings -
May we enfold our sisters and our brothers,
Till all are strong, till all have eagles' wings. Janet Wootton

Let us celebrate and affirm our faith in the words of Mary's song:

My heart praises you, O God,

My spirit rejoices in you my Saviour,

You have remembered me in my lowliness

And now I will be called blessed.

You have done great things for me

And shown mercy to all those who trust you.

You have stretched out your right arm

And scattered the proud with all their plans

You have brought down the mighty from their thrones

And lifted up the lowly.

You have filled the hungry with good things

And sent the rich away with empty hands.

You have kept your promise to our mothers and fathers

**And come to the help of your people, to Abraham, Sarah and to Hagar,
to all generations for ever. Amen**

Reading Isaiah 55: 6-11 followed by a short time of silence

God who lives beyond our time before our beginnings and after our endings:

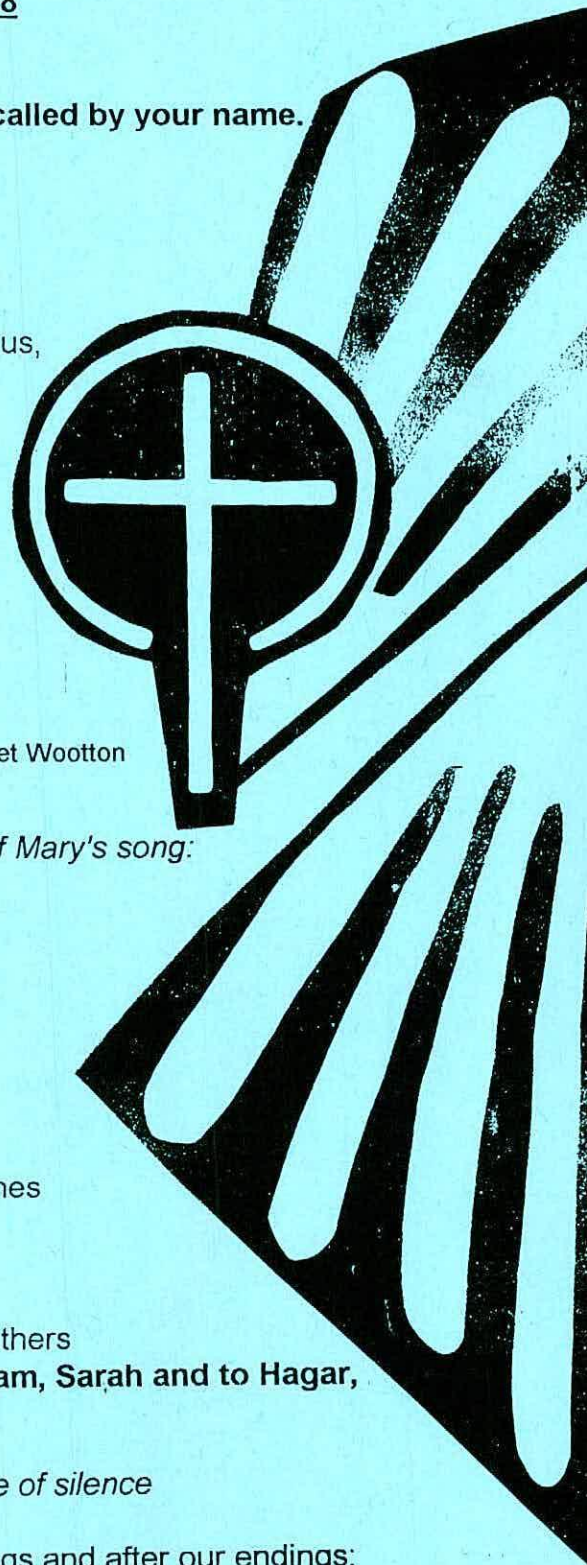
Take this moment, it belongs to you.

God who entered our time in Jesus and made things possible.

Take this moment, it belongs to you.

God who goes ahead of time, like wind and flame before us.

Take this moment, it belongs to you.



Beloved, our Father and Mother, in whom is heaven.
Hallowed be your name, followed by your royal way,
done be your will and rule, throughout the whole creation.
With the bread we need for today, feed us,
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
For trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.
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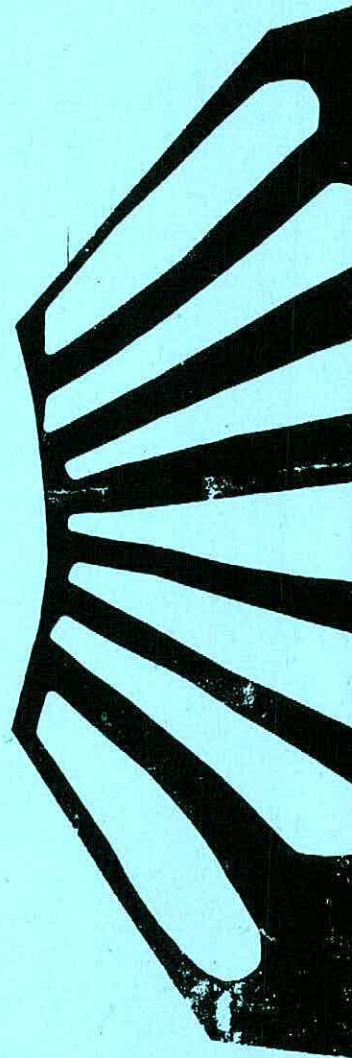
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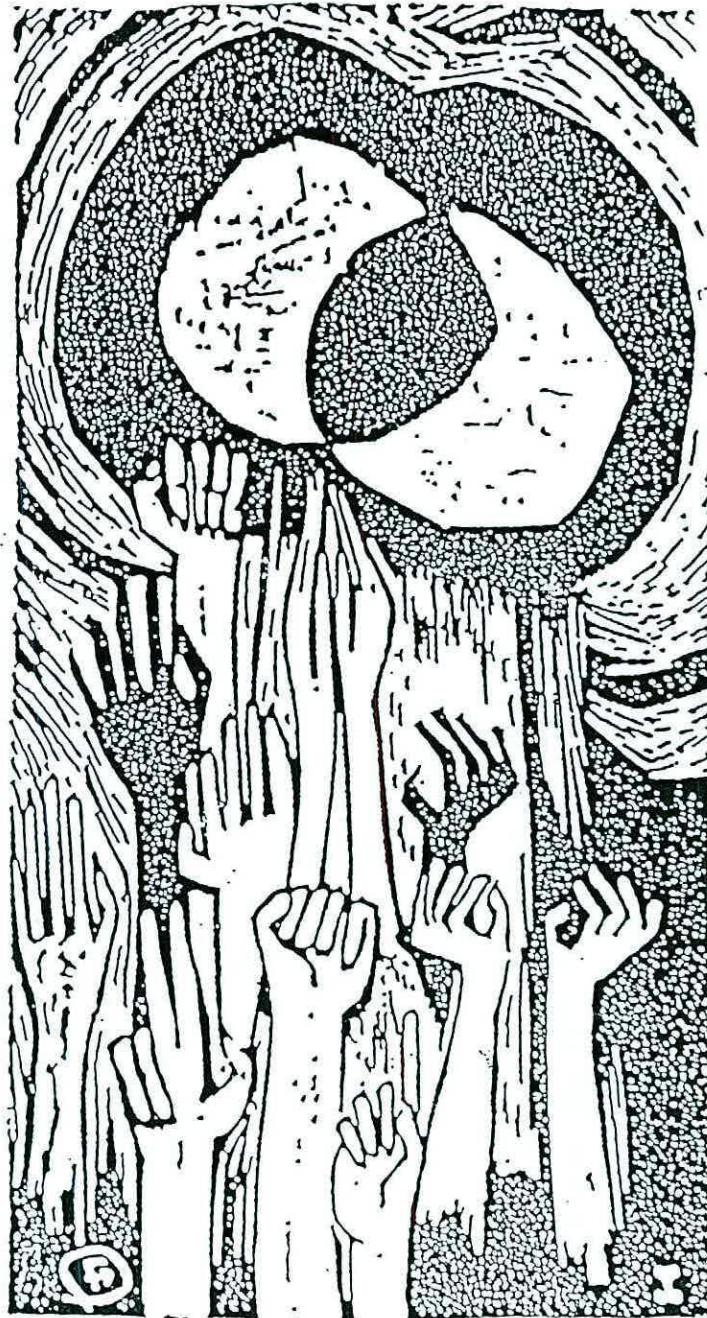
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ST JAMES'S PICCADILLY

SATURDAY 13 FEBRUARY 1993



*A service of joy and thanksgiving for the outcome of
the vote to ordain women to the priesthood.*

This service has been organised by the London branch of NOW.

STILL I RISE

by Maya Angelou

You may write me down in history
With your bitter, twisted lies,
You may trod me in the very dirt
But still, like dust, I'll rise.

Does my sassiness upset you?
Why are you beset with gloom?
'Cause I walk like I've got oil wells
Pumping in my living room.

Just like moons and like suns,
With the certainty of tides,
Just like hopes springing high,
Still I'll rise.

Did you want to see me broken?
Bowed head and lowered eyes?
Shoulders falling down like teardrops,
Weakened by my soulful cries.

Does my haughtiness offend you?
Don't you take it awful hard
'Cause I laugh like I've got goldmines
Diggin in my own back yard.

You may shoot me with your words,
You may cut me with your eyes,
You may kill me with your hatefulness,
But still, like air, I'll rise.

Does my sexiness upset you?
Does it come as a surprise
That I dance like I've got diamonds
At the meeting of my thighs?

Out of the huts of history's shame
I rise
Up from a past that's rooted in pain
I rise
I'm a black ocean, leaping and wide,
Welling and swelling I bear in the tide.

Leaving behind nights of terror and fear
I rise
Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear
I rise
Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave,
I am the dream and the hope of the slave.
I rise
I rise
I rise

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome and Introduction

Fanfare and Opening Acclamation (*please stand*)

Sisters and brothers - Arise.
Arise and lift your hearts
Arise and lift your eyes
Arise and lift your voices.

HYMN *Come Celebrate the Women that brought the Church to Birth*

(The Church's one Foundation)

Come celebrate the women
Who brought the church to birth!
The gentle revolution
That shall transform the earth;
Whose faith was salt and leaven,
Whose hearts and minds were free,
And this was their direction
To peace and unity.

The teachers, saints and mothers
Who lived and died unsung,
Kept safe the gospel story
And taught it to the young;
The Christ child Mary cradled,
The Living Word to be
Was crucified for pleading
This peace and unity.

Daughters of the Disciples,
You weave the story still,
The fabric of the future
With warmth and love and skill.
You make the bread of wholeness
The wine of harmony
And all shall share the feasting
In peace and unity!

Call to worship

ALL: The world belongs to God.
 THE EARTH AND ALL ITS PEOPLE.
 How good and how lovely it is
ALL: TO LIVE TOGETHER IN UNITY.
 Love and faith come together
ALL: JUSTICE AND PEACE JOIN HANDS.
 If God's disciples keep silent
ALL: THESE STONES WOULD SHOUT ALOUD.

ALL: REJOICE!
 CELEBRATE THE LIFE WITHIN US.
 AND CHRIST'S PRESENCE IN OUR MIDST!

Fanfare

Collect (Janet Morley)

Spirit of energy and change,
in whose power Jesus was anointed
to be the hope of the nations;
be poured out also upon us
without reserve or distinction,
that we may have confidence and strength
to plant your justice on the earth,
through Jesus Christ.
Amen

OT Reading: Isaiah 62.1-4

After the Reading:

Reader: This is the word of God.

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Short Period of Silence

ALL SING: Taize Chant: Laudate Dominum

During the singing we invite you to place your flower on the altar in joy and thanksgiving.



Gospel Reading: Luke 13.10-17

After the Cantor: *Glory to Christ our Saviour*

After the reading of the Gospel:

Reader: This is the Gospel of Christ

ALL SING (after the Cantor)

PRAISE TO CHRIST OUR LORD

Period of Silence

HYMN *To Be a Pilgrim*

1. She who would valiant be,
'gainst all disaster,
Let her in constancy,
follow the master,
There's no discouragement
shall make her once relent
her first avowed intent
to be a pilgrim.

2. Whoso beset us round
with dismal stories,
do but themselves confound;
our strength the more is.
No foes shall stay our might
though we with giant's fight,
we will make good our right
to be a pilgrim.
3. Hobgoblin nor foul fiend
can daunt our spirit
we know we at the end
shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away;
I'll fear not what men say;
I'll labour night and day
to be a pilgrim.

The Address - Jane Grant, Director of The National
Alliance of Women's Organisations.

Shared reflection

*During the next hymn there will be a collection and we ask
you to please give generously. The collection will help
towards the work of London MOW and also help cover the costs
of this service.*

HYMN (Music: Abbot's Leigh, Words: Jan Berry)

Praise to God, the world's Creator,
Source of life and growth and breath,
Cradling in her arms her children,
Holding them from birth to death .
In our bodies, in our living,
Strength and truth of all we do
God is present, working with us,
Making us creators too.

Praise to God, our saving Wisdom
Meeting us with love and grace,
Helping us to grow in wholeness,
Giving freedom, room and space.
In our hurting, in our risking,
In the thoughts we dare not name,
God is present, growing with us,
Healing us from pride and shame.

Praise to God, the Spirit in us,
Prompting hidden depths of prayer,
Firing us to long for justice,
Reaching out with tender care.
In our searching, in our loving,
In our struggles to be free,
God is present, living in us,
Pointing us to what shall be.

The Prayers

Poem Still I Rise by Mya Angelou (see attached sheet)

HYMN

For all the saints who from their labours rest,
Who in the world their faith in God confessed,
Your name, O Jesus, be forever blessed,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

You were the Stranger in the dark of night,
With whom they strove to find their one true light,
To whom you gave God's blessing, ever bright.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

They are the folk who gave with love divine,
Always in service did their wills incline,
Forgetting self, they did with glory shine,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

They followed you, cast out the city's gate,
Killed by the eyes and guns of human hate,
Yet trumpets sound their resurrection fete.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And there will dawn a yet more marvellous day,
The saints with laughter sing and dance and play,
The Clown of Glory tumbles in the Way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Litany

Those who work for change suffer resistance.
ALL: SO MAKE US STRONG.
Those who do new things sometimes feel afraid.
ALL: SO MAKE US BRAVE.
Those who challenge the world as it is arouse anger.
ALL: SO GRANT US INNER PEACE.
Those who live joyfully are envied.
ALL: SO MAKE US GENEROUS.
Those who try to love encounter hate.
ALL: SO MAKE US STEADFAST IN YOU.

All join in The Blessing

May the God who dances in creation,
who embraces us with human love,
who shakes our lives like thunder,
bless us and drive us out with power
to fill the world with her justice.
Amen

ALL SING Jubilate Deo