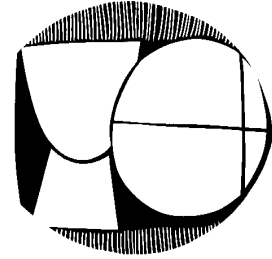
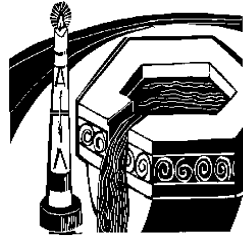
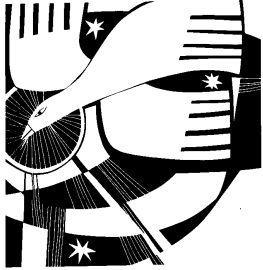


ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Parish of Perry Street, Northfleet

Diocese of Rochester

Under the Episcopal care of the Bishop of Richborough



Pontifical Mass of Christian Initiation
A Celebration of the Sacraments of
Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion.

Monday 2nd March 2026
at 7.00 p.m.



We welcome with great pleasure
The Rt. Rev'd. Luke Irvine-Capel
Bishop of Richborough
as Principal Celebrant and Preacher today

PRAY FOR OUR CANDIDATES

Young people – Confirmation and First Communion
Hailey FERDINAND

Adults – Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion
Glenda Jane DANGERFIELD
Simon Andrew MASSEY

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Welcome to All Saints Church for this Service of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion.

It is our pleasure to welcome Bishop Luke, for his second visit, his first Confirmation here.

Please join in the parts printed in **BOLD** type

A large print version of this service is available upon request

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Everyone is welcome at the Altar. If you are a Communicant member of the Church of England or in your own Church you may receive the Sacrament, if not, please hold this "Order for Mass" and you will receive a Blessing. You may Receive in One Kind (The Body of Christ) or in Both Kinds (The Body and Blood of Christ). **Communion by Intinction (dipping the Host into the Chalice) is not permitted.**

POSTURE - **Sitting, standing or kneeling** are indicated and refers to EVERYONE present unless it specifies 'CONGREGATION SITS' (usually when the Bishop addresses the candidates, who will be standing)

The Collection in Rochester Diocese this is taken at Initiation Services (during the Offertory Hymn) for the Diocesan Missionary Links with Christians in Tanzania, Zimbabwe and Estonia. Please support this generously as a thank offering for today's celebration.

After the Service refreshments will be served at the back of the Church. Thank you all those who have prepared them and the Church for this evening.

Toilet facilities are available in the Church hall. Please ask the Sidesmen for the key.

We politely request that no photographs or videos are taken during the Service. There will be an opportunity after the Service for photographs.

We may take photographs before or after the Service which may be shared on our website (allsaintsperrystreet.org) or on our social media. If you do not wish to have your picture taken and shared please wear one of the orange lanyards that are available in the refreshment area and by the south door.

Please switch your mobile phone to silent.

Our next Service with Bishop Luke is the Richborough Family Chrism Mass at Rochester Cathedral on Tuesday 31st March at 12.00 p.m.

**PLEASE TAKE THIS ORDER OF SERVICE HOME WITH YOU
AND KEEP IS AS A MOMENTO OF TODAY.**

A Prayer for the Candidates

*Heavenly Father, in your love you have called us to know you,
led us to trust you and bound our life with yours.
Surround Hailey, Glenda and Simon with your love;
protect them from all evil; fill them with your Holy Spirit;
and bring them into the full fellowship of your family the Church;
that they may walk with us in the way of Christ,
and continue to grow in the knowledge of your love and truth.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord; Amen.*

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

STAND *at the sound of the Sacristy bell.*

*As the Bishop, Choir and Ministers enter, we sing the OPENING HYMN
(hymn 464). The Altar and Cross are Censed*



Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?

Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:

Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us,
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:

Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
widely as his mercy flows.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

**Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space:**

**Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
praise with us the God of grace.**

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The Greeting

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

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Bishop Luke gives a brief introduction then the Collect is sung

The Collect

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father,
by the power of your Holy Spirit
you give your faithful people
new life in the water of Baptism;
guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit,
that we who are born again
may serve you in faith and love,
and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

SIT First reading

Daniel 9:4b-10

A reading from the Book of Daniel

O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame, as at this day, to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, those who are near and those who are far away, in all the lands to which you have driven them, because of the treachery that they have committed against you. To us, O Lord, belongs open shame, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you. To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by walking in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79(78):8. 9. 11, 13. R Sirach 36:1b

Lord, do not treat us according to our sins.

Lord, do not treat us according to our sins.

*Do not remember against us
the guilt of former times.*

*Let your compassion hasten to meet us;
for we have been brought very low.*

Lord, do not treat us according to our sins.

*Help us, O God our saviour,
for the sake of the glory of your name.
Free us and forgive us our sins,
because of your name.*

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Lord, do not treat us according to our sins.

*Let the groans of the prisoners come before you,
your strong arm relieve those condemned to die.
Then we, your people, the flock of your pasture, /
will give you thanks for ever and ever.
From age to age we will recount your praise.*

Lord, do not treat us according to our sins.

STAND Acclamation before the Gospel

Cf. John 6:63c, 68c

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.

*Your words, O Lord, are Spirit and life;
you have the words of eternal life.*

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:36-38

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory ✠ to ✠ you, ✠ O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.

*The Gospel Book is returned to the Bishop who, after venerating it,
blesses the people with the book. The people sign themselves with the cross.*

Bishop Luke talks to us about the word of God

THE LITURGY OF INITIATION

SIT

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

The candidates, with their godparents/sponsors, stand before the Bishop and are presented to him and the people. The Bishop questions the candidates.

The Bishop asks those who are candidates for Baptism (Glenda and Simon)

Do you wish to be Baptised?

CATECHUMENS: I do.

To the candidate for Confirmation who has been Baptised (Hailey) the Bishop says-

Have you been Baptised
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?

CONFIRMAND: I have.

Then, to ALL THE CANDIDATES:

Are you ready with your own mouth
and from your own hearts
to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

CANDIDATES: I am.

THE CONGREGATION NOW STANDS
Faith is the gift of God to his people. In Baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome these candidates and uphold them in their life in Christ. With the help of God, we will.
THE CONGREGATION SITS

The Bishop addresses CANDIDATES

In Baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.
To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

Candidates & Sponsors I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

Candidates & Sponsors I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

Candidates & Sponsors I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

Candidates & Sponsors I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

Candidates & Sponsors I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth, and the life?

Candidates & Sponsors I come to Christ

THE SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

The Bishop, using the Oil of Catechumens, makes the sign of the Cross on the forehead of each candidate for Baptism, saying-

N Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of the Cross.

He signs them both with the Oil of Catechumens

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.
Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ
against sin, the world, and the devil,
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,
restore in you the image of his glory,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

THE CONGREGATION NOW STANDS

*As the Bishop, ministers, ALL the candidates and the sponsors process to the Font.
The following Canticle is sung:*

Water of life, cleanse and refresh us;
raise us to life in Christ Jesus.

*All you who thirst, come to the waters,
and you will never be thirsty again.*

**Water of life, cleanse and refresh us;
raise us to life in Christ Jesus.**

*Dying with Christ, so we shall rise with him,
death shall no longer have pow'r over us.*

**Water of life, cleanse and refresh us;
raise us to life in Christ Jesus.**

*Turn to the Lord, cast off your wickedness,
you will find peace in his infinite love.*

**Water of life, cleanse and refresh us;
raise us to life in Christ Jesus.**

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PRAYER OVER THE BLESSED WATER

The Bishop stands before the Water of Baptism and says:

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

We thank you, almighty God,
for the gift of water to sustain,
refresh and cleanse all life.

Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.
Through water you led the children of Israel
from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land.

In water your Son Jesus received the Baptism of John
and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ,
to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.

We thank you, Father, for the Water of Baptism.
In it we are buried with Christ in his death.
By it we share in his resurrection.

Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.
Therefore, in joyful obedience to you Son,
we Baptise into his fellowship those who come to him in faith.

Now sanctify ✠ this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
they may be cleansed from sin and born again.

Renewed in your image,
may they walk by the light of faith
and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Bishop addresses the whole congregation

Brothers and sisters,
I ask you to profess together with these candidates the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven;
he is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The Administration of the Sacrament

The Bishop may address each candidate for Baptism by name, saying-

N is this your faith?

Candidates: This is my faith.

The Bishop pours the Blessed Water on them saying-

N. I Baptise you
in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Giving of a Candle

*The Bishop or another person may give the candidates a lighted candle.
These are lit from the Paschal Candle.*

When all have received a candle, the Bishop says-

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

STAND

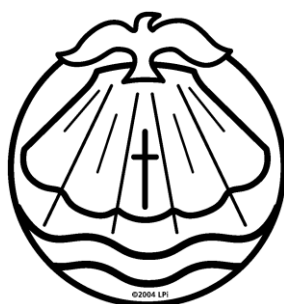
THE WELCOME

There is one Lord, one faith, one Baptism.
by one spirit we are all Baptised into one body.
**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

Having proclaimed our Baptismal faith before the Bishop, the Confirmation candidate who has previously been Baptised comes to the Font and signs herself with Baptismal water.

The Baptismal rite concludes with this prayer.

Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith
with all those who have been baptised in your name.
Keep us faithful to our Baptism,
and so make us ready for that day
when the whole creation shall be made perfect
in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



CHRISTIAN INITIATION

*The Bishop, ministers, candidates, sponsors and godparents
return to the front of the Church as we sing the following hymn:*

HOLY SPIRIT, COME, CONFIRM US *Tune: Blaenwern (352 ii)*

Holy Spirit, come, confirm us
Hin the truth that Christ makes known;
We have faith and understanding
Through your helping gifts alone.
Holy Spirit, come, console us,
Come as Advocate to plead,
Loving Spirit from the Father,
Grant in Christ the help we need.

Holy Spirit, come, renew us,
Come yourself to make us live;
Holy through your loving presence,
Holy through the gifts you give.
Holy Spirit, come, possess us,
You the Love of Three in One,
Holy Spirit of the Father,
Holy Spirit of the Son.

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THE CONGREGATION NOW KNEELS



THE CONFIRMATION

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

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

The Prayer over the Candidates

The Bishop prays over the Confirmands with his hands extended

Almighty and ever living God,
you have given these your servants
new birth in Baptism by water and the Spirit,
and have forgiven them all their sins.

Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them:
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding;

Amen.

the Spirit of counsel and inward strength;

Amen.

the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness;

Amen.

and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord.

Amen.

<p>THE CONGREGATION NOW SITS</p>

The Administration of the Sacrament

Each Confirmand, accompanied by their Sponsor, stands before the Bishop.

N., God has called you by name
and made you his own.

The Bishop lays his right hand on the head of each candidate, saying:

Confirm, O Lord, your servant N., with your Holy Spirit.

Confirmand: Amen.

The Bishop anoints the candidate with Holy Chrism

N. be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Confirmand: Amen.

Peace be with you.

Confirmand: And also with you.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

*After all the candidates have been Confirmed
the Bishop invites the Congregation to pray for them:*

THE CONGREGATION STANDS

Defend, O Lord,
these your servants with your heavenly grace,
that they may continue yours for ever,
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more
until they come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.



STAND

THE BIDDING PRAYERS

As the priestly people of Christ,
let us pray to the Father through him
who ever lives to intercede for us.

*For the holy Church of God,
together with Leo the Pope, Jonathan our Bishop, Luke our Bishop Pastor,
that, gathered by the Holy Spirit,
the Church may grow and increase in unity of faith
and love until the coming of the Lord.*

*Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.*

*For these his servants,
whom the gift of the Holy Spirit has confirmed,
that, planted in faith and grounded in love,
they may bear witness to Christ the Lord by their way of life,*

*Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.*

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

*For their parents and sponsors:
that by word and example
they may continue to encourage those whom they have sponsored
in the faith to follow in the footsteps of Christ,*

*Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.*

*For the whole world that all people,
who have one Maker and Father,
may acknowledge one another as brothers and sisters,
without discrimination of race or nation,
and with sincere hearts seek the Kingdom of God,
which is peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.*

*Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.*

*For the perseverance and formation of vocations to the priesthood and religious life:
that Christ may strengthen those who are discerning to follow Him
in a priestly and religious vocation.*

*Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.*

O God, who gave the Holy Spirit to your Apostles,
and willed that through them and their successors
the same Spirit be handed on to rest of the faithful,
listen favourably to our prayer,
and grant that your divine grace,
which was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed,
may now spread through the hearts of those who believe in you.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

SIT

Preparation of the Gifts

During the Offertory hymn the offertory gifts are presented at the Altar and then the collection is taken. (329):

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to You.

Make us your own, Your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Christ be our light!

Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in Your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has pow'r to save us.

Make us Your living voice.

Christ be . . .

Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us Your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Christ be . . .

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us Your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Christ be . . .

Many the gifts, many the people,

many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another,
making Your kingdom come.

Christ be . . .

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

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The Organ continues to be played if required



STAND *after the Censing of the Altar*

for the Censing of the Bishop, Priests and people

STAND

Invitation to Pray

Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept

the sacrifice at your hands,

for the praise and glory of his name, for our good,

and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

A ccept graciously these your servants, O Lord,
together with your Only Begotten Son,
so that, signed with his Cross
and with a spiritual anointing
they may constantly offer themselves to you
in union with him
and merit each day a greater outpouring of your Spirit.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

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 him thanks and praise.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

The Bishop prays the special preface to the Eucharistic Prayer which concludes with the
SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna, in the highest.

Blesséd, is he who comes, in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, in the highest.

KNEEL

*The Bishop and any Concelebrants recite the words of the Lord
by which the bread and wine we have offered
become the Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood for us.*

*All venerate the Sacramental presence of the Lord when the bell rings
and the Sacrament is shown.*

After the words of Consecration

The mystery of faith.

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

The Bishop [and concelebrants] continues the eucharistic prayer to its conclusion with
The Doxology and Great Amen

Through him, and with him and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

COMMUNION RITE

STAND

The Lord's Prayer

At the Saviour's command
and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:



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

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

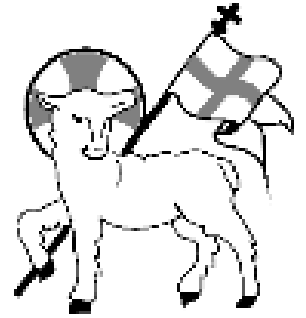
We share the peace with a gesture and greeting saying 'Peace be with you.'

During the Breaking of the Host we sing

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

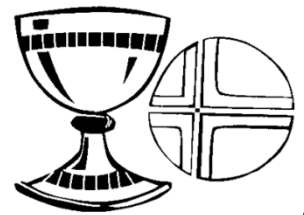


Showing the Body of the Lord to the people the Bishop invites all those duly prepared, and allowed, to come forward for Holy Communion saying:

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**



The Distribution of Holy Communion

While the Bishop and any Concelebrants receive Communion the Lector says **THE COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** *Cf Ps-33:6, 9* “Look towards him and be radiant let your face is not be abashed, taste and see that the Lord is good, blessed is the man who seeks refuge in him”

The newly Confirmed receive Holy Communion first, then the Choir and Altar party.

Please follow the directions of the Stewards, approach the Altar from the centre aisle and return by the side aisles. Holy Communion is administered to you standing.

If you are not receiving Holy Communion and only wish to receive a Blessing please bring this booklet with you.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

All sit or kneel for the Anthems and hymns during the distribution of Holy Communion.

KNEEL OR SIT

The Communion Hymns

The Choir sings the ANTHEM - Like the murmur of the doves song (page 152)

WE ALL SING *Soul of my Saviour (HYMN 512)*

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
Wash me with water flowing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy passion be,
O blessèd Jesu, hear and answer me;
Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,
So shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign,
In death's dread moments make me only thine;
Call me and bid me come to thee on high
Where I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.

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*If required, the Choir sings the ANTHEM - Be still for the Presence of the Lord
(page 10)*

STAND

The Prayer after Communion

Instruct, O Lord, the fullness of the Law
those you have endowed with the gifts of your spirit
and nourished by the body of your Only Begotten Son,
that they may be constantly show to the world
the freedom of your adopted children
and by the holiness of lives,
exercise the prophetic mission of your people.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONCLUDING RITE

STAND

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

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

God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you by his life-giving Spirit
to walk with him in the paths of righteousness and peace. Amen.

And may the blessing of God almighty,
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be among you
and remain with you always. Amen

The Dismissal

Go in peace,
glorifying the Lord in your life.
Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN *O Jesus I have promised (tune 410 – Wolvercote)*

We observe the ancient custom of the faithful turning to the Bishop as he passes through the Church. They Genuflect (kneel on the right knee) to seek his apostolic blessing, crossing themselves when he blesses them.

O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
be Thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my Guide.

O let me feel Thee near me, the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw Thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear Thee speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control!
O speak, and make me listen, Thou Guardian of my soul!

O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee
that where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend!

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*After a time for personal prayer Bishop Luke will come to the Dais for photographs
with the candidates, Clergy and Churchwardens*

A Prayer for personal use after the Service

*Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us
in your Son and brought us home.*

*Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to
others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.*

*Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be
free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

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