

## **Gathering in God's Name:**

*Opening hymn* — Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above,  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on a tree,  
and wither and perish: but nought changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
of all thy rich graces this grace, Lord, impart—  
take the veil from our faces, the veil from our heart.

All laud we would render: O help us to see,  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee;  
and so let thy glory, Almighty, impart  
through Christ in the story, thy Christ to the heart.

*Walter Chalmers Smith 1824-1908*

*The Bishop and other ministers enter. The priest to be inducted is accompanied by the churchwardens.*

**The Greeting:**

*The Bishop says:*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also with you.**

Saint Peter wrote to the Church, “You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, so that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” (1 Peter 2: 9)

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God’s forgiveness.

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Bishop pronounces the Absolution:*

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:  
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,  
strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Presentation:**

*The Bishop continues:*

Friends in Christ, we come together to celebrate a new stage in the ministry of this parish, as the reverend Dane Courtney is welcomed as its Rector. We will commit ourselves afresh to live for Christ and his Church, and pray for the ministry of all God’s people.

*Commendations may be included from Dane’s previous parish*

*The Bishop continues:*

I now invite the churchwardens to present Dane

*The churchwardens stand with Dane before the Bishop, and say:*

Richard, Bishop in the Church of God, we present to you the reverend Dane Courtney, who has been called to serve as Rector in this parish. We

ask that he be instituted into this ministry.

*The Bishop says:*

It is good that Dane has accepted the call to serve Jesus Christ in this parish. I gladly proceed to commission him for this ministry.

*The bishop addresses Dane, saying:*

Dane, at your ordination you affirmed your conviction that you were called to proclaim the gospel of Christ, serve God and build up God's people, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ. I now ask you, in the presence of this congregation.

Do you stand by that conviction, and commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, according to the order of the Anglican Church of Australia?

*Dane, responds, saying:*

I believe I am called to this ministry, and commit myself to it, by the grace of God.

*The Bishop says:*

Do you commit yourself to proclaim afresh Jesus Christ in this community?

*Dane Responds:.*

I do, relying on the strength of the Holy Spirit.

*The Bishop says:*

The Anglican Church of Australia admits to the ministry of word and sacrament those who will publicly give assurance of their faith and intentions. I therefore ask that Dane affirm the required oath and declarations.

*The MSO administers the oath and declarations.*

*The Bishop addresses the congregation:*

Friends in Christ, The reverend Dane Courtney has committed himself to serve Christ in this place, and given assent to the required oath and declarations.

Will you likewise renew your commitment to Christ and his Church?

*The congregation responds, saying:*

**We will, with God's help.**

*The Bishop addresses leaders in the congregation of Holy Trinity*

Leaders of this parish of Holy Trinity, you have been appointed to your own responsibilities in this parish. Will you work with Dane as co-workers in the mission to which Christ calls you?

*The parish leaders respond, saying:*

**We will, with God's help.**

*The Bishop addresses all members of the parish:*

People of Holy Trinity, will you support Dane and pray for him in his ministry among you?

*All respond, saying:*

**We will, with God's help.**

*The Bishop continues:*

Let us pray for God's Spirit to guide and empower us in this new beginning.

*Silence is kept, after which a hymn invoking the Holy Spirit is sung,*

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,  
and lighten with celestial fire.  
Thou the anointing Spirit art,  
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above  
is comfort, life, and fire of love.  
Enable with perpetual light  
the dullness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face  
with the abundance of thy grace.  
Keep far from foes, give peace at home:  
where thou art guide, no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
and thee, of both, to be but One,  
that through the ages all along,

 and come to worship you with all your saints for ever.

Most loving God,  
**you send us into the world you love.**  
**Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage**  
**in the power of your Spirit.**

 *Closing Hymn* — Filled with the Spirit's power

Filled with the Spirit's power with one accord  
the infant church confessed its risen Lord.  
O Holy Spirit, in the church today  
no less your power of fellowship display.

Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,  
that unity may be our great desire.  
Give joy and peace; give faith to hear your call,  
and readiness in each to work for all.

 Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace  
in your strong care the men of every race.  
Like wind and fire with life among us move,  
till we are known as Christ's, and Christians prove.

Words: J.R. Peacey (1896-1971),

**The Blessing:**

*The Bishop says:*

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Dane says:*

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

**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.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*We sing the 'Agnus Dei':*

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, Redeemer of the world,  
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread:**

*The Bishop breaks the bread saying:*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,  
**for we all share in the one bread.**

*The Bishop says:*

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

### **The Communion:**

*The Bishop will communicate with the newly installed Priest to assist with the administration of Holy Communion.*

### **Post Communion:**

*The Bishop says:*

Let us pray.

Bountiful God, at this table you graciously feed us with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation.

May we who have reached out our hands to receive this sacrament be strengthened in your service;  
we who have sung your praises  
tell of your glory and your truth in our lives;  
we who have seen the greatness of your love  
see you face to face in your kingdom

this may be our endless song:

Praise to thy eternal merit,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*Words: Latin, ninth century;  
trans. John Cosin, 1627*

*The Bishop then says:*

God our Father, shepherd and guide of all your faithful people,  
look with favour on your servant Dane,  
now called to be a pastor and teacher in this parish.  
By word and example may he lead the people committed to his charge,  
and be a faithful minister of your word and sacraments.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon your people,  
that they may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus,  
and serve you in love, joy, and peace.  
We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The bishop prays the Collect for Ministry*

Let us pray.

God our Shepherd,  
in every generation you call  
ministers of your word and sacraments.  
Equip them to preach the gospel,  
to care for your people  
and to show forth the fruit of the Spirit in their lives;  
in the name of Jesus our Saviour. **Amen.**

### **The Ministry of the Word:**

*Epistle:*

*Colossians 1:15-23*

A reading from St. Paul's epistle to the Colossians

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup> for in<sup>[a]</sup> him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in<sup>[b]</sup> him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body,

the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. <sup>21</sup> And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup> he has now reconciled<sup>[c]</sup> in his fleshly body<sup>[d]</sup> through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— <sup>23</sup> provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

*Gradual Hymn* — Come down, O love divine,

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

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

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

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

and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat.  
This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup,  
and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying,  
“Drink from this, all of you.  
This is my blood of the new covenant  
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:  
proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross,  
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming again,  
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,  
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,  
unite us in the body of your Son,  
and bring us with all your people  
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:



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

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,**

one with the Trinity in Unity.

*Words: William Harry Turton, 1881*

### **Dedication of the Gifts:**

### **The Great Thanksgiving:**

*The Bishop begins 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 our thanks and praise.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.  
By his death on the cross, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin,  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

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

Merciful God,  
we thank you for these gifts of your creation,  
this bread and this wine,  
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,  
we who eat and drink them  
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.  
On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;  
and when he had given you thanks he broke it,

### **Gospel.**

*John 6:44-51*

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>44</sup> No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. <sup>45</sup> It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup> Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup> Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup> I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup> Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup> This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup> I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

*The sermon:*

### **The Commissioning for Ministry:**

*Symbols of ministry (a Bible, a copy of A Prayer Book for Australia, a baptismal ewer or other appropriate vessel filled with water, and bread and wine) are brought by members of the parish. They gather with the Bishop and the Incumbent in view of the congregation.*

*The Bishop says:*

The ministry of Christ has many dimensions, shared among bishop, clergy and people.

At his ordination, Dane committed himself to the ministry of Christ through word, prayer, sacrament and godly living. Let us celebrate this ministry in word and symbol.

*Indicating or holding up the copy of the Scriptures, the Bishop says:*

Be faithful in reading, studying and teaching from the Scriptures,  
and inspire God's people to shape their lives by them.

*Indicating or holding up A Prayer Book for Australia, the Bishop says:*

Be faithful in ordering the worship of God's people, and in the life of prayer.

*Indicating or holding up the vessel of water, the Bishop says:*

Be faithful in bringing people to holy baptism and new life in Christ.

*Indicating or holding up the bread and wine, the Bishop says:*

Be faithful in presiding at the Lord's table that God's people may feed on Christ.

*Dane responds:*

I commit myself to this ministry of word and sacraments, and thank God for it.

*The congregation responds:*

**May the ministry of this parish bring glory to God  
and build up Christ's church. Amen.**

*The Bishop, MSO and the Rector move to the prayer desk*

*The MSO reads the Bishop's licence.*

*The Bishop installs the Incumbent who should sit or kneel, then presents the licence, saying:*

My brother in Christ,

I set you in your place among God's people in this parish.

Receive the cure of souls.

In the name of God, I commission you as Rector of this parish.

*Laying hands on Dane the bishop continues:*

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit

bless you and equip you with everything good,

that you may do the work to which you have been called,

to the praise of God's holy name

and the well-being of God's people. **Amen**

**The Commissioning as Archdeacon:**

*The Bishop says:*

Dear Friends, within our diocesan family Archdeacons are called to assist the Bishop in the leadership and planning of the mission, ministry,

**The Greeting of Peace:**

*The Bishop continues with the Greeting of Peace*

We are the body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*All may exchange a sign of peace by shaking hands and saying, 'Peace be with you,'*

*Offering Hymn — O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray*

O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray

that all thy Church might be for ever one,

grant us at every Eucharist to say

with longing heart and soul, "thy will be done."

O may we all one Bread, one Body be,

through this blest Sacrament of unity.

For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;

make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;

draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,

by drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;

thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,

through this blest Sacrament of unity.

We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;

O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,

back to the faith which saints believed of old,

back to the Church which still that faith doth keep;

soon may we all one Bread, one Body be,

through this blest Sacrament of unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,

may we be one with all thy Church above,

one with thy saints in one unbroken peace,

one with thy saints in one unbounded love;

more blessed still, in peace and love to be

Be faithful to the trust now committed to you and be a true Pastor under the Great Shepherd.

**The Welcome:**

*The Bishop invites the incumbent and his/her family members to stand with him/her in view of the congregation, then says*

People of the Church of God, I present the reverend Dane Courtney, Rector of Holy Trinity, Launceston, and Archdeacon and Mission Support Officer of the Northern Mission Network

*The congregation responds with applause.*

**The Prayers of the People:**

*The Acting MSO leads the congregation in prayer for the newly-commissioned Rector, in these words:*

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

*Silence may be kept.*

God our Father, Lord of all the world,  
through your Son you have called us into the fellowship of your universal Church:  
hear our prayer for your faithful people  
that in their vocation and ministry  
each may be an instrument of your love,  
and give to your servant Dane,  
now commissioned as rector of this parish  
the needful gifts of grace;  
through out Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Dane leads the congregation in prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession:*

*Note: The Lord's Prayer is shifted to the alternative position*

pastoral care and administration of the Church. I propose now, in the name of God, to commission the reverend Dane Courtney who is well-attested among us as a priest and pastor of the Church and faithful servants of God, to be a Diocesan Archdeacon. He has already taken the customary oaths and declarations, and I consider him fit for this office and ministry. I ask you to pray for him and to support and encourage him as he undertakes this responsibility in the Diocese.

Dane, are you willing to undertake the duties and responsibilities belonging to the office of an Archdeacon?

*Dane responds:*

**I am, with the Lord's help.**

Will you be a faithful pastor to all whom you are called to serve and lead, striving together with them to build up the Body of Christ in truth and love, in unity and peace?

*Dane responds:*

**I will, by God's grace.**

*The Bishop asks the congregation.*

Will you support Dane in this new calling and responsibility?

*The people:*

**Yes, we will.**

Prayers and Commissioning

*The Archdeacons-designate kneel before the Bishop who says:*

Almighty God, giver of all that is good, bless Dane as he exercises the office of Archdeacon. So fill him with your truth and clothe him with holiness that he may faithfully minister to the glory of your name and benefit of your Church. We ask this through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever. **Amen**

*The Bishop delivers the Letters of Collation into the hands of the Archdeacon and says:*

Accept this charge, which is both yours and mine, in the name of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**