

May Your Kingdom Grow – praying for our diocese

Before the gathering, we learn the music we shall use.

Note, depending on numbers we will either

Option A Move as a group to the various stations as indicated below

Or

Option B Face the font and then pulpit from our seats in the nave

Move to the crossing, for the third, and the quire for the fourth and fifth

Move to the west door for the sixth station.

Welcome and Greeting in the Nave

Please stand when the bishop does.

Bishop In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

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

*The bishop welcomes people
and introduces the prayer pilgrimage*

The Lord's Prayer

Bishop As we gather, so we pray the
disciple's prayer that Jesus gave us:

Min **Our Father, who art in heaven ...**



Theme song: May your Kingdom Grow

Lord, we pray
for your kingdom to grow,
that the seeds we shall sow will bear fruit.
Hear our cry:
help us nurture and care,
that all people will hear your word.

*King of mercy, crowned with glory,
let your Spirit flow.
Humble Saviour, robed in majesty,
may your kingdom grow.*

Prayers of Penitence

led by the Archdeacon of Dudley

Min We come to pray as those called by God in Christ,
empowered by the Spirit to share God's mission in God's world.
We come as pilgrims who know we have often failed
to seek God's way and walk in it,
and so in silence we call to mind our sins.

Min Lord Jesus, the way, the truth, and the life:
we have often walked in our ways and failed to follow you.

All sing **Kyrie eleison**

Min Lord Jesus, good shepherd calling all into your Father's fold:
we have often wandered and strayed from your ways.

All sing **Christe eleison**

Min Lord Jesus, Saviour of the world drawing all people to yourself:
we have often failed to share your love and truth with others.

All sing **Kyrie eleison**

Bishop May Almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us walk with one another in faith, hope and love.

Hymn – Be thou my vision

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Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father, thy child will I be;
be thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor th' world's empty praise:
be thou mine inheritance now and always;
be thou and thou only the first in my heart:
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

At the Font

Led by Simon Hill

Min

Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Matt 28:18-20

Min Let us pray for all those who help others explore the faith, and especially for all those who work with children and young people.

Silence

Min God, our beginning and our end,
whose Son gave the church its great commission:
as we celebrate your calling at this place of baptism,
we pray that we may grow in obedience to his command.
As we ask your blessing on all who respond to you in faith,
we pray especially for our work with children and young people:
may we so share the good news of your love
that many may encounter you through the ministry of your church,
know the transforming power of your Holy Spirit,
and walk with us in the way of Christ. Amen.

Theme song as we move to the pulpit

We baptise
in your name and your grace:
blessed Trinity's love overflows.
Hear our cry:
help us nurture and care,
that all people will hear your word.

*King of mercy, crowned with glory,
let your Spirit flow.
Humble Saviour, robed in majesty,
may your kingdom grow.*

Through your Word
we are called and we're formed
as disciples Christ shows how to serve.
Hear our cry:
help us nurture and care,
that all people will hear your word.

At the Pulpit

Led by Sallie Butcher

Min Jesus said to them, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

John 8:31-32

Your words are spi - rit and life, O Lord: rich - er than gold,
stron - ger than death. Your words are spi - rit and life, O Lord;
life e - ver - las - ting.

All sing **Your words are spirit and life, O Lord:
richer than gold, stronger than death.
Your words are spirit and life, O Lord;
life everlasting**

Min Let your steadfast love come to me, O Lord,
your salvation according to your promise.
Then I shall have an answer for those who taunt me,
for I trust in your word.
Do not take the word of truth utterly out of my mouth,
for my hope is in your ordinances.
I will keep your law continually,
for ever and ever.

All sing **Your words are spirit and life, O Lord:
richer than gold, stronger than death.
Your words are spirit and life, O Lord;
life everlasting**

Min I shall walk at liberty,
for I have sought your precepts.

I will also speak of your decrees before kings,
and shall not be put to shame;
I find my delight in your commandments,
because I love them.
I revere your commandments, which I love,
and I will meditate on your statutes.

Psalm 119:41-48

All sing

**Your words are spirit and life, O Lord:
richer than gold, stronger than death.
Your words are spirit and life, O Lord;
life everlasting.**

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Min

Let us pray for ourselves and all God's church in this diocese, that we may
grow in the way of discipleship.

Silence

Min

You, O Lord, are a God who speaks:
help us to listen and hear your voice,
that we may grow as your kingdom people,
invite others to join us as disciples on life's journey,
and nurture one another as pilgrims on the way,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Theme song as we move to crossing

Build your church;
bless the old and the new,
our communities called for your praise.
Hear our cry:
help us nurture and care,
that all people will hear your word.

*King of mercy, crowned with glory,
let your Spirit flow.*

*Humble Saviour, robed in majesty,
may your kingdom grow.*

At the Crossing

Led by Tim Williams

Min Paul writes: "To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, so that I might by any means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings."

1 Corinthians 9:20-23

Min Let us pray for the renewal of existing worshipping communities and the creation of new ones.

Silence

Min God of beginnings and endings,
companion of all our journeys,
we stand before you in the place in-between,
with gratitude for what has been,
and hope for what is to come.
Send your transforming Spirit on us and all your church:
bring renewal to existing communities,
and call new ones into being,
that voices old and new,
lives young and old,
may join together and worship
as we sing the angels' song:

All sing **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
holy is the Lord God Almighty. (Repeat)
who was, and is, and is to come.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.**

**Glory, glory, glory to the Lord,
glory to the Lord God Almighty. (Repeat)
who was, and is, and is to come.
Glory, glory, glory to the Lord.**

Theme song as we move to King John's tomb

Jesus Christ

loving Lord, bringing hope

May our lives and our world be transformed.

Hear our cry:

help us nurture and care,

that all people will hear your word.

King of mercy, crowned with glory,

let your Spirit flow.

Humble Saviour, robed in majesty,

may your kingdom grow.

At King John's tomb

Led by Sam Setchell

Min Paul writes: "From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation."

2 Corinthians 5:16-18

Min Let us pray that the church may so share the hope of the gospel,
that communities and society may know the transforming power of God.

Silence

Min God of all creation,
in you all find their true calling,
from you all receive the light of life:
help us so to share the hope you have given us,
that, taken and blessed by your Holy Spirit,
our actions and words may be life-giving for the world,
so that lives and communities may be transformed,
and the world made new in the love of Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

Theme song as we move to the altar

God of all,
bring us home to your heart,
where our lives are fulfilled in your praise.
Hear our cry:
help us nurture and care,
that all people will hear your word.

*King of mercy, crowned with glory,
let your Spirit flow.
Humble Saviour, robed in majesty,
may your kingdom grow.*

At the High Altar

Led by the Archdeacon of Worcester

Min Jesus said: "But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

John 4:23-24

All sing **Father, we love you,
we worship and adore you,
glorify your name in all the earth.
Glorify your name, glorify your name,
glorify your name in all the earth.**

Jesus, we love you ...

Spirit, we love you ...

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Min Let us pray that we may be renewed in the heart of our calling,
to know, love and worship God.

Silence

Min Heart and hope of creation,
you have made our hearts restless till they rest in you:
so quicken our consciences by your holiness,

feed our minds with your truth,
purge our imaginations by your beauty,
draw our wills to your purpose,
and open our hearts to your love,
that we may truly worship you in spirit and in truth,
who are Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Based on William Temple's definition of worship

As a fire is meant for burning

We move to the west door as we sing:

As a fire is meant for burning
with a bright and warming flame,
so the Church is meant for mission,
giving glory to God's name.
Preaching Christ and not our customs,
may we build a bridge of care,
joining hands across the nations,
finding neighbours everywhere.

We are learners; we are teachers;
we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers;
we are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle loving actions,
may we show that Christ is light.
In a humble, listening spirit,
may we live to God's delight.

As a green bud in the springtime
is a sign of life renewed,
so may we be signs of oneness
mid earth's peoples, many-hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens
when a storm is past and gone,
may our lives reflect the radiance
of God's new and glorious dawn.

At the West Door

The Bishop of Dudley to lead

Bishop

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

John 20:19-23

Bishop

Let us pray for ourselves and all God's ministers in this diocese, lay and ordained, that by God's Holy Spirit, and through our mutual companionship and support, we may be equipped to share God's mission in God's world.

Silence

All

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you most humble and hearty thanks
for all your goodness and loving kindness.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And give us, we pray, such a sense of all your mercies
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful,
and that we show forth your praise,
not only with our lips but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

General Thanksgiving, BCP

Bishop

The love of God has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

All

We dwell in him and he in us.

Bishop

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name,

All

make known his deeds among the peoples.

Bishop

Sing to him, sing praises to him,

All

and speak of all his marvellous works.

Bishop

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty,

All

who was and is and is to come.

New Patterns for Worship

Bishop

Let us go in the peace of Christ,
peacemakers called and sent by the God of peace.

All

Thanks be to God.

All may exchange a sign of peace as they depart, singing

Shalom, my friend, shalom, my friend,
shalom, shalom.

The peace of Christ I give to you,
shalom, shalom.

