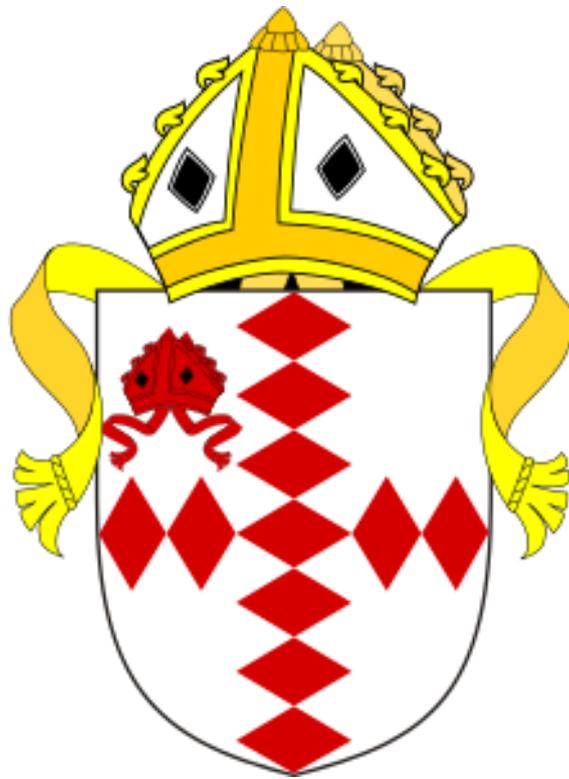


The Ordination of Paul Adlington  
to the Diaconate  
*by*  
The Rt Revd Christopher Chessun  
Bishop of Southwark



The Good Shepherd, Lee  
Sunday 9 May 2021, 6.00pm  
The Sixth Sunday of Easter

## The Declaration of Assent

### **Preface**

The Church of England is part of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, worshipping the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds, which faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation. Led by the Holy Spirit, it has borne witness to Christian truth in its historic formularies, the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, *The Book of Common Prayer* and the Ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons. In the declaration you are about to make, will you affirm your loyalty to this inheritance of faith as your inspiration and guidance under God in bringing the grace and truth of Christ to this generation and making Him known to those in your care?

### **Declaration of Assent**

I, *A B*, do so affirm, and accordingly declare my belief in the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds and to which the historic formularies of the Church of England bear witness; and in public prayer and administration of the sacraments, I will use only the forms of service which are authorized or allowed by Canon.

## THE OPENING RITES

### THE GREETING

*All* Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*All* Alleluia. Christ is Risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

There is one body and one spirit.  
all there is one hope to which we were called;  
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
all one God and Father of all.

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

*The Bishop may introduce the service and say other words of welcome*

God calls his people to follow Christ, and forms us into a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to declare the wonderful deeds of him who has called us out of darkness into his marvellous light. The Church is the Body of Christ, the people of God and the dwelling-place of the Holy Spirit. In baptism the whole Church is summoned to witness to God's love and to work for the coming of his kingdom. To serve this royal priesthood, God has given a variety of ministries. Deacons are ordained so that the people of God may be better equipped to make Christ known. Theirs is a life of visible self-giving. Christ is the pattern of their calling and their commission; as he washed the feet of his disciples, so they must wash the feet of others.

### PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

*Deacon* When the Lord comes,  
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,  
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.  
Therefore in the light of Christ  
let us join with this ordinand in confessing our sins.

*All* Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* Amen.

#### THE PRESENTATION

*Please sit as the Archdeacon of Lewisham & Greenwich presents the ordinand to the Bishop. The ordinand faces the congregation*

*AD* Right Reverend Father in God, I present *Paul John Adlington* to be ordained to the office of deacon in the Church of God: he is to serve in the parish of Lee The Good Shepherd with St Peter.

*Bishop* Have those whose duty it is to know this ordinand and examine him found him to be of Godly life and sound learning?

*AD* They have.

*Bishop* Do they believe him to be duly called to serve God in this ministry?

*AD* They do.

*The ordinand turns to the Bishop*

*Bishop* Do you believe that God is calling you to this ministry?

*Ordinand* I do so believe.

*Bishop* I invite the Archdeacon to confirm that the ordinands have taken the necessary oaths and made the Declaration of Assent.

*AD* He has duly taken the oath of allegiance to the Sovereign and the oath of canonical obedience to the Bishop. He has affirmed and declared his belief in 'the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds and to which the historic formularies of the Church of England bear witness'.

GLORIA

*We stand to say the Gloria*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
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.

## THE COLLECT

Let us pray for our brother *Paul* to be ordained deacon,  
and for the ministry of the whole people of God.

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us  
to eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*All* Amen.

*Please sit*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### READING

*A reading from the Book 'Acts'*

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

*Acts 10. 44-end*

*All* This is the word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

*Please stand for the Gospel*

Alleluia, alleluia.

You did not choose me but I chose you  
and I appointed you to go and bear fruit,  
fruit that will last

*All* **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*All*

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

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another'.

*John 15.9-17*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

*The Revd Bridget Shepherd  
Vicar of Lee The Good Shepherd with St Peter*

## THE CREED

*Please stand to say the Apostles' Creed, an ancient declaration of faith associated since earliest days with Holy Baptism, the sacrament from which all ministry flows*

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by 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 to judge the living and the dead.**

**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 LITURGY OF ORDINATION

### THE DECLARATIONS

*The ordinand stands before the Bishop, who addresses the congregation*

Deacons are called to work with the Bishop and the priests with whom they serve as heralds of Christ's kingdom. They are to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed, as agents of God's purposes of love. They are to serve the community in which they are set, bringing to the Church the needs and hopes of all the people. They are to work with their fellow members in searching out the poor and weak, the sick and lonely and those who are oppressed and powerless, reaching into the forgotten corners of the world, that the love of God may be made visible.

Deacons share in the pastoral ministry of the Church and in leading God's people in worship. They preach the word and bring the needs of the world before the Church in intercession. They accompany those searching for faith and bring them to baptism. They assist in administering the sacraments; they distribute communion and minister to the sick and housebound.

Deacons are to seek nourishment from the Scriptures; they are to study them with God's people, that the whole Church may be equipped to live out the Gospel in the world. They are to be faithful in prayer, expectant and watchful for the signs of God's presence, as he reveals his kingdom among us.

*The Bishop addresses the ordinand directly*

We trust that you are fully determined, by the grace of God, to give yourself wholly to his service, that you may draw his people into that new life which God has prepared for those who love him. And now, in order that we may know your mind and purpose, you must make the declarations we put to you.

Do you accept the Holy Scriptures as revealing all things necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ?

*Ordinand* I do so accept them.

Will you be diligent in prayer, in reading Holy Scripture, and in all studies that will deepen your faith and fit you to bear witness to the truth of the Gospel?

*Ordinand* By the help of God, I will.

Do you believe the doctrine of the Christian faith as the Church of England has received it, and in your ministry will you expound and teach it?

*Ordinand* I believe it and will so do.

Will you strive to make the love of Christ known through word and example, and have a particular care for those in need?

*Ordinand* By the help of God, I will.

Will you be a faithful servant in the household of God, after the example of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve?

*Ordinand* By the help of God, I will.

Will you endeavour to fashion your own life and that of your household according to the way of Christ, that you may be a pattern and example to Christ's people?

*Ordinand* By the help of God, I will.

Will you work with your fellow servants in the Gospel for the sake of the kingdom of God?

*Ordinand* By the help of God, I will.

Will you accept the discipline of this Church and give due respect to those in authority?

*Ordinand* By the help of God, I will.

Will you then, in the strength of the Holy Spirit, continually stir up the gift of God that is in you, to grow in holiness and grace?

*Ordinand* By the help of God, I will.

*The congregation stands and the ordinand turns to face those gathered*

Brothers and sisters, you have heard how great is the charge that this ordinand is ready to undertake, and you have heard their declarations. Is it now your will that he should be ordained?

*All* It is.

Will you continually pray for him?

*All* We will.

Will you uphold and encourage them in their ministry?

*All* We will.

*The ordinand turns back to face the Bishop, who continues, addressing him*

In the name of our Lord, we bid you remember the greatness of the trust in which you are now to share: the ministry of Christ himself, who for our sake took the form of a servant. Remember always with thanksgiving that the people among whom you will minister are made in God's image and likeness. In serving them you are serving Christ himself, before whom you will be called to account.

You cannot bear the weight of this calling in your own strength, but only by the grace and power of God. Pray therefore that your heart may daily be enlarged and your understanding of the Scriptures enlightened. Pray earnestly for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

*The ordinand and congregation kneel and silence is kept*

## THE LITANY

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to the Father.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world,  
for the welfare of the Holy Church of God,  
and for the unity of all,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

For all the members of the Church  
in their vocation and ministry,  
that they may serve him in truth and love,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

For all bishops, priests, and deacons,  
that they may hunger for truth and thirst after  
righteousness,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

For *Paul* called to be a deacon in Christ's Church  
let us pray to the Lord.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church,  
that in faithful witness we may proclaim  
the Gospel of reconciliation  
to the ends of the earth,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

For the unity of the Church,  
that we may be one in Christ, according to his will,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who do not yet believe,  
that they may receive the light of the Gospel,  
and for those whose faith has grown cold,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and suffering,  
for the aged and infirm,  
for the lonely and neglected,  
and for all who remember and care for them,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the hungry,  
for the homeless and the oppressed,  
for all prisoners and captives,  
and for our brothers and sisters  
who are persecuted for their faith,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

For Elizabeth our Queen,  
for the leaders of the nations,  
and for all in authority,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

For ourselves,  
for grace to repent and amend our lives,  
that we may be pardoned and absolved from all our sins,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

Remembering all who have gone before us in faith,  
and in communion with all the saints,  
we commit ourselves, one another,  
and our whole life to Christ our God;

*All* **To you, O Lord.**

## THE PRAYER OF ORDINATION

*The ordinand continues to kneel before the Bishop, who stands*

We praise and glorify you, almighty Father,  
because in your infinite love  
you have formed throughout the world  
a holy people for your own possession,  
a royal priesthood,  
a universal Church.

We praise and glorify you  
because you sent your only Son Jesus Christ  
to take the form of a slave;  
he humbled himself for our sake,  
and in obedience accepted death,  
even death on a cross.

We praise and glorify you  
because in every age you send your Spirit  
to fill those whom you have chosen,  
to equip your holy people for the work of ministry,  
for the building up of the body of Christ.

And now we give you thanks  
that you have called these your servant *Paul*  
whom we ordain in your name,  
to share as a deacon in the ministry  
of the Gospel of Christ,  
who came not to be served but to serve,  
and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Therefore, Father, through Christ our Lord we pray:

Send down the Holy Spirit on your servant *Paul*  
for the office and work of a deacon in your Church.  
Through your Spirit, heavenly Father,  
give this your servants  
grace and power to fulfil his ministry.  
Make him faithful to serve  
and constant in advancing your Gospel in the world.

May he follow the example of Jesus Christ your Son,  
who washed the feet of his disciples,  
and set the needs of others before his own.  
May his life be disciplined and holy,  
his words declare your love  
and his actions reveal your glory,  
that your people may walk with them in the way of truth  
and be made ready for the coming  
of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
to whom, with you and your Holy Spirit,  
belong glory and honour, worship and praise,  
now and for ever.

*All* Amen.

## THE WELCOME

*The Deacon addresses the newly ordained deacon*

We preach not ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord  
and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

*All* **We welcome you as fellow servants in the Gospel:  
may Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,  
that you may be rooted and grounded in love.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

## THE PEACE

*Please stand*

In the tender mercy of our God,  
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness  
and in the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All*            **and also with you.**

*Deacon*    Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Please sit after sharing the Peace in a 'socially distanced' way. The following hymn is sung by the musicians alone as the altar is prepared*

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow;  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Words: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866-1960*

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*All* The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise  
through your servant, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
At his baptism he was revealed as your beloved Son.  
Coming among us as one who serves,  
he taught us that the greatest in your kingdom  
are those who make themselves least  
and the servants of all.

Although he was their teacher and their Lord,  
he washed the feet of his disciples  
and commanded us to do the same,  
that we might reveal the power of your love,  
made perfect in our human weakness.  
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:

*All* **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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

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.

*Deacon* Great is the mystery of faith:  
*All* **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 Mary the mother of Jesus, Peter,  
and 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.

*All* **Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jesus taught us to pray for the coming of the Kingdom:  
therefore in faith and trust we pray:

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

#### BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*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.**

*All* 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
*All* Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

*Please respond as the bishop makes his communion*

*All* The Body of Christ  
Amen

*All* The Blood of Christ  
Amen

*Because of the current restrictions, communion is distributed silently and only in one kind. Be confident as you make your communion that you are receiving the fullness of the sacrament*

*During communion, the musicians alone sing 'The Blessing'*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.  
Holy and blessed God,  
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son  
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:  
may we honour you,  
not only with our lips  
but in lives dedicated to the service of  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*All* Amen.

## THE CLOSING RITES

### GIVING OF THE BIBLE

*The newly ordained deacon is given a copy of the Bible by the Bishop*

Receive this book,  
as a sign of the authority given you this day  
to speak God's word to his people.  
Build them up in his truth  
and serve them in his name.

*All* **May it be a lantern to your feet,  
a light upon your paths  
and strength to your life.**

### THE BLESSING

*Please stand*

*All* The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

God who has called you is faithful.

May the Father, whose glory fills the heavens,  
cleanse you by his holiness  
and send you to proclaim his word.

*All* **Amen.**

May Christ, who has ascended to the heights,  
pour upon you the riches of his grace.

*All* **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, the comforter,  
equip you and strengthen you in your ministry.

*All* **Amen.**

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

*All* **Amen.**

*Deacon* Go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*All* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**