

ORDINATION



Order of Service

Morley Central Methodist Church
Sunday 30 June 2024 • 4.00pm



About this service

This is one of the supreme moments in the life of the Church and an act of the Conference. The Conference alone has the authority to ordain on behalf of the whole Methodist Church in Britain. All ordinations therefore take place at the Conference. We are all here as part of the Church, taking part in an act to ordain these people to the diaconate in the one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We are here because these people have answered a call. It came to them by various means – words from the Bible, words in the mind, words of another person – and took root in their hearts as a call from God. We are here because the Church answered that call from God, testing repeatedly whether it judged the person's sense of call to be well-grounded and supported by the qualities (the 'gifts and graces') needed to fill the office of deacon. Without knowing all the ordinands individually we can confidently say that they are worthy to be ordained, taking on trust the judgement that the Church has made on our behalf.

Two people take part in the actual laying on of hands at a Methodist service of ordination to the diaconate. This action represents the real personal and spiritual connections that are both remembered and made anew.

- The Warden represents the Methodist Diaconal Order.
- The President (either the current or a former President of the Conference) embodies the Conference's authority to ordain.

A representative from the World Church is present to represent the global Communion of which our Connexion is a part.

This is a solemn but deeply joyful service. Its words and music are largely traditional in nature, affirming our links with two thousand years of spiritual continuity. It culminates in the celebration of Holy Communion, that most profoundly joyous act when we rejoice in what Jesus Christ has done and does for us. Christians of any tradition are welcome to share communion and receive the bread and wine.

President:	The Revd Gill M Newton
Preacher:	The Revd Romeo Regardo Pedro
Vice-President:	Deacon Kerry Scarlett
Warden:	Deacon Karen McBride
Deputy Warden:	Deacon Ruth M Richey
Connexional Representative:	Deacon Melanie Beaven Deacon Julie Hudson
World Church Representative:	Bishop César Llanco Zavaleta, Iglesia Metodista del Perú

Ordinands

Janet Amey
Margaret Chipandambira
Marie Poole
Clare Purfit
Suzanne Sale
Vicky Welsh

THE ORDINATION OF DEACONS
THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

1 *Silence*

2 *All stand as those who are leading worship enter the church.*

The President says:

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
and his mercy endures for ever.

I welcome you all on this joyful occasion and greet you in the name of God.

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

3 *Hymn*

**Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol;
his kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.**

**God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
and still he is nigh, his presence we have;
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.**

**'Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son;
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.**

**Then let us adore, and give him his right;
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
all honour and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.**

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

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- 4 *All sit. The President says:*

Let us pray.

Silence

God of all grace,
you call your Church to be a holy people
to the praise of your name.
In the power of the Spirit,
fill our hearts with your love
and our lives with your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

- 5 *Old Testament reading: Isaiah 61:1-4* (read by the Vice-President)

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion – to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

- 6 *Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:27 – 13:13* (read by the World Church Representative in their own language)

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

7 Hymn

**Great God, your love has called us here
as we, by love for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonoured, disobeyed;
we come, with all our heart and mind,
your call to hear, your love to find.**

**We come with self-inflicted pains
of broken trust and chosen wrong,
half-free, half-bound by inner chains,
by social forces swept along,
by powers and systems close confined,
yet seeking hope for humankind.**

**Great God, in Christ you call our name,
and then receive us as your own,
not through some merit, right or claim,
but by your gracious love alone;
we strain to glimpse your mercy-seat
and find you kneeling at our feet.**

**Then take the towel, and break the bread,
and humble us, and call us friends;
suffer and serve till all are fed,
and show how grandly love intends
to work till all creation sings,
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.**

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**Great God, in Christ you set us free
your life to live, your joy to share;
give us your Spirit's liberty
to turn from guilt and dull despair
and offer all that faith can do,
while love is making all things new.**

Brian A Wren (b.1936)

8 *All remain standing.*

A reading from the Gospel according to John. *(read by the Warden)*

Hear the Gospel of Christ.

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

The Gospel, John 13:1-20, is read.

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord – and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

"I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But it is to fulfil the scripture, 'The one who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' I tell you this now, before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am he. Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me; and whoever receives me receives him who sent me."

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

9 *All sit.*

The Sermon

10 *The Nicene Creed*

All stand.

Let us profess the faith of the Church.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

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**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE ORDINATION THE PRESENTATION

11 *All sit.*

The Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order presents the candidates to the President.

Madam President, I present to you these persons to be ordained deacons. The Conference has received them into Full Connexion and resolved that they be ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands.

The Warden reads the names of those to be ordained. Each candidate rises as their name is called, and remains standing.

12 *The people stand and the President says:*

Sisters and brothers in Christ, these are the persons whom we intend, in God's name, to ordain to the Ministry of Christ's holy Church in the Order of Deacons.

Their call has been tested in preparation for this ministry and they have been found to be of sound learning and faithful to their vocation.

We ask you to declare your assent to their ordination.

Do you believe and trust that they are, by God's grace, worthy to be ordained?

The people acclaim:

They are worthy.

Will you uphold them in their ministry?

The people answer:

We will uphold them.

THE EXAMINATION

13 *The people sit. The ordinands remain standing and the President says to them:*

Beloved in Christ, the Church is God's holy people, the Body of Christ, the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.

All who are received into the Church by Baptism are called to proclaim the mighty acts of God in Jesus Christ our Saviour, and to serve him in the Church and in the world.

God has called you into the Order of Deacons among his people.

In his name you are

to assist God's people in worship and prayer;
to hold before them the needs and concerns of the world;
to minister Christ's love and compassion;
to visit and support the sick and the suffering;
to seek out the lost and the lonely;
and to help those you serve to offer their lives to God.

Fulfil your calling as disciples of Jesus Christ, who came not to be served but to serve.

In all things, give counsel and encouragement to all whom Christ entrusts to your care. Pray without ceasing. Work with joy in the Lord's service. Let no one suffer hurt through your neglect.

This ministry will make great demands upon you and upon those close to you, yet in all this, the Holy Spirit will sustain you by his grace.

I now ask you to declare your lifelong commitment to this ministry:

Do you believe that God has called you to be a Deacon in the universal Church?

Answer: I do.

Do you accept the Holy Scriptures as revealing all things necessary for salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord?

Answer: I do.

Do you believe the doctrines of the Christian faith as this Church has received them?

Answer: I do.

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Will you accept our discipline, and work together with your sisters and brothers in the Church?

Answer: I will.

Will you be faithful in worship, in prayer, in the reading of the Holy Scriptures and in those studies which will equip you for your ministry?

Answer: I will.

May God who has called you to this ministry give you grace and power to do his will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LITANY

14 *The ordinands sit.*

Let us pray.

All pray in silence.

The Warden of the Order leads the following litany:

On the peoples of the world
and the leaders of the nations,
gracious God,
pour out your Spirit.

On your holy Church throughout the world,
gracious God,
pour out your Spirit.

On all whom you have called to be ordained,
gracious God,
pour out your Spirit.

On all whom they serve in their ministry,
gracious God,
pour out your Spirit.

On their families and friends
and all who have helped and encouraged them,
gracious God,
pour out your Spirit.

Remember, O Lord, what you have wrought in us,
and not what we deserve;
and as you have called us to your service,
make us worthy of our calling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE ORDINATION

15 *Hymn*

**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 our 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
this may be our endless song:**

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

9th century tr. John Cosin (1594-1672)

16 *The people sit. The ordinands kneel and the President, standing, says:*

Lord our God,
we give you thanks and praise;
by your mighty power
you create all things in heaven and on earth for your glory.
In every age you gather your people
to obey your commands
and proclaim the greatness of your name.

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You send messengers to recall them to your service,
reminding them of your love and faithfulness.

At the appointed time you sent your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
who lived among us, full of grace and truth.

Revealing your tender mercy
he healed and restored the sick
and comforted the broken and the lost.
In humility he washed the feet of his disciples,
calling us to follow his example as one who serves.

He suffered and died for us upon the cross,
bearing our sorrows and forgiving our sins.
By your mighty power
he broke the bonds of death and lives for ever,
calling us to serve you to the glory of your name.

Through him you sent your Spirit of truth and love
to guide and strengthen us.

By the same Spirit
you have called these your servants
to be Deacons in your Church.

Increase in them the gifts of your grace
for their life and ministry.

*The prayer continues as the President lays her hands upon the head of each
ordinand in turn. The Warden also lays her right hand on the ordinand.*

The President says over each one:

Father, send the Holy Spirit upon *N* for the office and work of a Deacon in
your Church.

Each time the President says these words, all answer:

Amen.

When hands have been laid on all of them, the President continues:

Gracious God,
as you call and ordain these your servants to this ministry,
we ask you to fulfil in them the work you have begun.

Give them wisdom and patience in their witness and service, and unfailing love for those whom they serve.

May their lives reflect your glory that they may be faithful examples to your people.

Guide and uphold them at all times that with those whom they serve they may rejoice in their ministry.

May they be counted worthy at the last to enter into the joy of their Lord.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

17 *The Lord's Prayer*

EITHER

We say together the prayer that Jesus gave us:

**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.
Save us from the time of
trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the
power and the glory
are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

OR

As our Saviour taught his disciples, we pray:

**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.**

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THE GIVING OF THE BIBLE

18 *The newly-ordained Deacons stand.*

The Vice-President of the Conference presents a Bible to each of them, saying:

N, receive this Bible
as a sign of the ministry committed to you this day,
and witness to the Gospel by word and deed
in the Church and in the world.

THE DECLARATION

19 *All stand.*

The President says:

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ I declare that you have been
ordained as Deacons of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church
of Christ.

You are to share fully in the life of your Order and to keep its discipline.

Remember your call.

Support the weak.

Bind up the broken.

Gather in the outcast.

Welcome the stranger.

Seek the lost.

So minister care that you make glad those whom you help in their need.
Let the concerns and sorrows of others be as your own.

May Christ your Master, when he comes in glory,
count you among his faithful servants.

To God be the glory for ever. Amen.

20 *The people may welcome the newly-ordained with applause.*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

21 *The Peace*

All stand. The President says:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another in the name of Christ.

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

22 *Hymn*

**The Son of God proclaim,
the Lord of time and space;
the God who bade the light break forth
Now shines in Jesus' face.**

**He, God's creative Word,
the Church's Lord and Head,
here bids us gather as his friends
and share his wine and bread.**

**Behold his outstretched hands;
though all was in his power,
he took the towel and basin then,
and serves us in this hour.**

**The Lord of life and death
with wondering praise we sing;
we break the bread at his command,
and name him God and King.**

**We take this cup in hope;
for he, who gladly bore
the shameful cross, is risen again
and reigns for evermore.**

Basil E Bridge (b. 1927)

- 23 *Bread and wine are brought to the table (or if already on the table are uncovered). The President takes the bread and wine and prepares them for use.*

THE THANKSGIVING

24 *All stand.*

The President leads the great prayer of thanksgiving:

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.

Lord our God,
your love and grace fill everything you have made.
In time and eternity your praise resounds
through earth and heaven.

From age to age you gather a people to serve you,
to proclaim your glory
and to reveal your presence in all the world.

In humility you came among us in Jesus Christ,
who brought the good news of the kingdom,
restoring the sick to health and the dead to life.

Taking the form of a servant,
he suffered and became obedient to death upon the cross.
You raised him from the dead,
breaking the power of death
and exalting him to your right hand on high.
Through him you sent your Spirit of life and power
into the hearts of the faithful,
filling the Church with your presence.

From among us you call those who serve you
with diverse gifts of ministry,
to build up your people in love.

With them and all your servants on earth and in heaven
we join the ceaseless song of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Father, we give you praise
as we call to mind
how, at supper with his disciples,
your Son Jesus Christ took bread
and gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying,
“Take this, all of you, and eat it.
This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup.
He gave you thanks and gave it to them, saying,
“Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant,
shed for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

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

Therefore,
recalling Christ’s offering of himself
and celebrating this feast of our redemption,
we offer ourselves to you
through Christ our great High Priest.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us the body and blood of Christ.

Remember, Lord, your Church throughout the world.
Send your Spirit upon us
gather us into unity,
strengthen our faith
and sustain our hope.

Bring us, with all who place their hope in you,
to the promised feast in your kingdom,
where for ever we may offer you our praise,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,

**through whom, with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

- 25 *The President breaks the bread in the sight of the people, in silence, or saying:*

Christ is the true bread from heaven.

Christ gives life to the world.

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

- 26 *All sit. The President, those who are assisting in the distribution, and the people receive.*

The President may say these or other words of invitation:

Christ welcomes you to his table.

Draw near with faith.

- 27 *Words such as the following are said during the distribution:*

The body of Christ given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

- 28 *During the distribution there may be appropriate music. Hymns and songs (from those printed at the end of this service) may be sung.*

- 29 *The President covers what remains of the elements with a white cloth.*

THE FINAL PRAYERS

- 30 *Silence*

- 31 *Let us pray.*

**Lord our God,
strengthen the hands
that have received these holy gifts,
that we may faithfully serve you all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

- 32 *Hymn*

**O thou who camest from above
the pure celestial fire to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart!**

**There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return,
in humble prayer and fervent praise.**

**Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up thy gift in me —**

**Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.**

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

33 *All remain standing. The President says:*

The almighty God bless *you/us*,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

34 *The Warden of the Order says:*

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

HYMNS FOR COMMUNION

1 Here is bread, here is wine,
Christ is with us – he is with us;
break the bread, drink the wine –
Christ is with us here.

2 Here is grace, here is peace,
Christ is with us – he is with us;
know his grace, find his peace –
feast on Jesus here.

*In this bread there is healing,
in this cup there's life for ever;
in this moment, by the Spirit
Christ is with us here.*

3 Here we are, joined in one,
Christ is with us – he is with us;
we'll proclaim, till he comes –
Jesus crucified.

Refrain

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

1 We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, oh,
we are marching in the light of God,
we are marching, oh,
we are marching in the light of God.

2 We are living in the love of God,
we are living in the love of God.
We are living in the love of God,
we are living in the love of God.
We are living, oh,
we are living in the love of God,
we are living, oh,
we are living in the love of God.

3 We are moving in the power of God,
we are moving in the power of God.
We are moving in the power of God,
we are moving in the power of God.
We are moving, oh,
we are moving in the power of God,
we are moving, oh,
we are moving in the power of God.

Original Xhosa:

*Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.*

*Siya' hamba, siyahamba, Oo
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.
Siya' hamba, siyahamba, Oo
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos*

*South African traditional
v.1 Anders Nyberg (b.1955); v.2-3 Andrew Maries (b. 1949)*

1 Author of life divine,
who has a table spread,
furnished with mystic wine
and everlasting bread,
preserve the life that you have given,
and feed and train us up for heaven.

2 Our needy souls sustain
with fresh supplies of love,
till all your life we gain,
and all your fullness prove,
and, strengthened by your perfect grace,
behold without a veil your face.

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Original Shona:

Jesu, tawa pano;
Jesu, tawa pano;
Jesu, tawa pano;
tawa pano, mu zita renyu.

Jesus, we are here,
Jesus, we are here,
Jesus, we are here,
we are here for you.

Saviour, we are here,
Saviour, we are here,
Saviour, we are here,
we are here for you.

Master, we are here,
Master, we are here,
Master, we are here,
we are here for you.

Spirit, we are here,
Spirit, we are here,
Spirit, we are here,
we are here for you.

Patrick Matsikenyiri (b. 1937)

*Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to
me and never be hungry.*

*Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me
and you will not thirst.*

*Jesus Christ, bread of life, those who come
to you will not hunger.*

*Jesus Christ, risen Lord, those who trust
in you will not thirst.*

1 Christ is the bread of life,
the true bread sent from the Father.

2 Our ancestors ate manna in the desert,
but this is the bread come down from
heaven.

3 Eat his flesh and drink his blood,
and Christ will raise you up on the
last day.

4 Anyone who eats this bread will live
for ever.

5 If we believe and eat this bread, we will
have eternal life.

The verses could be sung by a cantor.

Taize Community

Ordination Service

1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
he makes me lie in pastures green,
he leads me by the still, still waters,
his goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in you alone,
and I will trust in you alone,
for your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.*

2 He guides my ways in righteousness,
and he anoints my head with oil;
and my cup – it overflows with joy,
I feast on his pure delights.

3 And though I walk the darkest path –
I will not fear the evil one,
for you are with me, and your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.

Stuart Townend (b. 1963)

1 Come, my table is a meeting place,
here I'm waiting ready for you,
come and share, you are invited,
come, beloved, I chose you.

2 Come, my table is a feeding place,
bread, my body broken for you,
wine, my blood poured out to save you,
given eternally for you.

3 Come, my table is a touching place,
hands to greet you span time and space,
see my arms stretched out in welcome,
this for you a holy place.

4 Come and meet me in this moment,
taste and see this gift of my grace,
here, the feast spread out before you,
come, my child, and take your place.

Clare Stainsby (b. 1959)

*Bread of life, hope of the world,
Jesus Christ, our brother:
feed us now, give us life,
lead us to one another.*

1 As we proclaim your death,
as we recall your life,
we remember your promise
to return again.

2 This bread we break and share
was scattered once as grain:
just as now it is gathered,
make your people one.

3 We eat this living bread,
we drink this saving cup:
sign of hope in our broken world,
source of lasting love.

Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)

1 King of kings, majesty,
God of heaven living in me.
Gentle Saviour, closest Friend,
Strong Deliverer, Beginning and End,
all within me falls at your throne.

*Your majesty, I can but bow;
I lay my all before you now.
In royal robes I don't deserve,
I live to serve your majesty.*

2 Earth and heaven worship you,
Love eternal, faithful and true,
who bought the nations, ransomed souls,
brought this sinner near to your throne;
all within me cries out in praise.

*Your majesty, I can but bow;
I lay my all before you now.
In royal robes I don't deserve,
I live to serve your majesty,
I live to serve your majesty.*

Jarrod Cooper (b. 1970)

Ordination Service

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord,
if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain;
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts are satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Daniel L. Schutte (b. 1947)

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