

The Commissioning
of the People of St. Paul's
for the Work of God



4th February, 2018
Start Up Sunday
St Paul's Anglican Church,
Canterbury

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn

Greeting

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Welcome!

God in Christ has revealed his glory
Come let us worship.

From the rising of the sun to its rising
The Lord's name is greatly to be praised.

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord
O praise the name of the Lord.

We join our voices with those of the angels as we sing together: [Gloria in excelsis]

**Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to God's 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 Prayer of the Day

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD
Readings from the Bible are now read

Hymn

All remain standing for the Gospel reading.

Sermon

COMMISSIONING

Commissioning of Parish Council and Wardens

As Wardens, you are trusted with the responsibility of the finance and fabric of the Parish.

Do you accept your responsibilities as Wardens?

We do, with the help of God.

The Parish Council members advise and assist in the good running of the Parish in its mission of making God's love known.

Do you accept your responsibilities as Parish Council members?

We do, with the help of God.

Commissioning of Musicians

The Lord calls us to praise with music our faithfulness in God, letting our lips shout for joy when our souls sing praises to God. (Psalm 71)

Musicians, choristers, apprentice angels everywhere, will you lift your hearts in songs of praise?

We will offer our music lustily and with good courage. *John Wesley*

Commissioning of those who teach and lead groups.

Teachers, scholars and saints, we all learn from each other in order to care for one another and this world that God has made.

Will you celebrate God's presence in your daily lives at Kindergarten, Sunday School and J2A and in the groups you lead?

May God who formed us from the beginning guide us in our teaching and in our lives.

Commissioning of the Parish

Faith, hope and love are the gifts of God to his community, and the greatest of these is love.

Sisters and brothers, as we begin our new year together, let us commit ourselves to a new year of growth and service in the Lord.

May the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be always acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and redeemer. *Psalm 19*

Let us now affirm together the faith in which we are called:

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope,
in life, in death, in life beyond death.**

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

KYRIE CONFESSIO

Christ came in humility to share our lives:

Forgive our pride.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ came with good news for all people:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ came in love to a world of suffering:
Forgive our self-centredness.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

The almighty and merciful Lord,
grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

THE GREETING OF PEACE

OFFERTORY HYMN

During this hymn we prepare the table for the gifts of bread and wine, the gifts of food and money are brought forward for the mission of St Pauls and beyond.

THE GREAT 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.

Loving God,

We give you thanks for this world of wonder and delight...

Lord our God,

we give you thanks and praise.

We give you thanks that you have given us many gifts and talents with which to serve you in the world.

Lord our God,

we give you thanks and praise.

We give you thanks that you call us into this community to share our faith, be bearers of hope, and people of love in this world.

Lord our God,

we give you thanks and praise.

We thank you that when we turned away from you...

Lord our God,

we give you thanks and praise.

We thank you that on the cross Jesus took away our sin...

Lord our God,

we give you thanks and praise.

And so with everyone who believes in you,
with all the saints and angels,
we rejoice and praise you, singing:

**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.**

And now we thank you ...
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith, singing:
**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

You have gathered us together ...
Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

**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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered and made one bread:
**so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

[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.]

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord.
All are welcome at his supper. Come.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Blessing of all children attending kindergarten and
primary and high school.

May the God of peace and knowledge fill your
hearts with wisdom that in all that you do and learn
you may continually bring praise and glory in the
Creator's name;

May the presence of Jesus who read in the
synagogue and argued with the scribes inspire you
to understand the world in which you live;

May the Holy Spirit open your hearts, minds and lips
that your words will reflect the love of God that you
show in your lives:

God's blessing be upon you, now and in the semesters ahead. Amen.

**Lord God,
at the beginning of this new term teach us to be
your hands and feet wherever we are.
At the beginning of this new term teach us to love
as you love us.
At the beginning of this new term teach us to pray
for those in need so that You are honoured and
glorified. Amen.**

Annie Barnsdale

Hymn

**Go with us into this year, O God.
Take all that we offer and add to that your gifts.
Breathe into our work your energy,
truth and courage,
that we may be faithful, humble people
who are truly gracious to each other
and truly committed to the vision of life
with which you call us on. Amen**

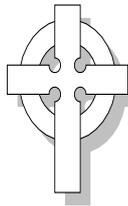
BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Postlude

*Please join us for a celebratory morning tea in the
Parish Centre.*



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