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The Parish of St Andrew Orford

in the Diocese of Liverpool



HOLY Baptism and

confirmation

within a Celebration of the Eucharist

12th March 2019

Confirming bishop:

The Rt Reverend Paul Bayes

Bishop of Liverpool

***On behalf of the congregation of St Andrew’s Church,***

***we wish you a very warm welcome.***

**Before the Service begins, please spend the time quietly in prayer.**

- Think of our Lord's promise to be with us whenever we meet

- Remember Bishop Paul, our confirming bishop and preacher;

- Pray for those to be confirmed:  
Krisztina Aigbedion Osagioduwa Aigbedion Madison Andrews

Cheryl Brown Jack Blackley Katie Dearnley

Grace Harris Keira Lawson Ringo-Ray Lewis

- Thank God for your own baptism and confirmation and ask him to help you in your journey in faith;

- If you’ve not been confirmed, consider whether this might be the right time for you. Have a word with the vicar afterwards.

# *There will be an opportunity for photographs at the end of the service during the final hymn when the newly confirmed have each received their candle. Photographs are not permitted at any other point during the service.*

Following the NOTICES, there will be a period of **silence.** You might like to use it to say the following prayer:

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,

all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:

cleanse the thoughts of our hearts

by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love you,

and worthily magnify your holy name;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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# *Order of Service*

## PREPARATION

**Introit hymn:** ‘From heaven you came’

*(please stand)*

From heaven you came, helpless babe,

Entered our world, your glory veiled;

Not to be served, but to serve

And give your life, that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King, He calls us now to follow him,*

*To bring our lives as a daily offering of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears,

My heavy load he chose to bear;

His heart with sorrow was torn,

“Yet not my will but yours,” he said.

Come see his hands and his feet,

The scars that speak of sacrifice,

Hands that flung stars into space

To cruel nails surrendered.

So let us learn how to serve,

And in our lives enthrone him;

Each other’s needs to prefer,

For it is Christ we're serving.

*The bishop introduces the service.*

### GREETING

Bishop: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Bishop: There is one body and one spirit.

All: There is one hope to which we were called;

Bishop: one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

All: one God and Father of all.

Bishop: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

### THE COLLECT

Bishop: Let us pray …

[following a period of silence]

Lord you have taught us that all we do without love is worth nothing;

send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts

that most excellent gift of love,

the true bond of peace and of all virtues,

without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.

Grant this for your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ’s sake,

who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah** *(*\Is. 55. 10-11*)*

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**The Gradual Hymn:** “As the deer pants for the water”

As the deer pants for the water,

So my soul longs after you.

You alone are my heart's desire

And I long to worship you.

*You alone are my strength, my shield,*

*To you alone may my spirit yield.*

*You alone are my heart's desire*

*And I long to worship you.*

I want you more than gold or silver,

Only you can satisfy.

You alone are the real joy-giver

And the apple of my eye.

*You alone are my strength, my shield ...*

You're my Friend and you are my Brother,

Even though you are a King.

I love you more than any other,

So much more than anything.

*You alone are my strength, my shield ...*

### THE GOSPEL

(Please turn to face the place where the gospel is read)

Priest The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice. harden not your hearts.

All: Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew*(Mt. 6. 7-15)*

All: Glory to you, O Lord

‘When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Pray then in this way:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And do not bring us to the time of trial,

but rescue us from the evil one.

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ

**SERMON:** The Rt Rev. Paul Bayes, Bishop of Liverpool

## LITURGY OF INITIATION

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

*Each parish priest presents their candidates in turn. The candidates stand when they are presented and then turn to face the congregation. Family and friends are invited to stand up when their candidate is called as a mark of commitment to them*

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Reverend Father in God, I present ... to be confirmed within the Church of God.

The candidates for baptism and confirmation stand.

The bishop asks the candidates for baptism:

Bishop: Keira and Ringo: do you wish to be baptized?

Keira and Ringo I do.

The bishop asks the candidates for confirmation who have been baptized:

Bishop: Have you been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?

Candidates: I have.

The bishop asks all the candidates

Bishop: Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

Candidates: I am.

The bishop addresses the whole congregation:

Bishop: People of God, will you welcome these candidates and

uphold them in their life in Christ?

All: With the help of God, we will.

### DECISION

The Paschal candle is lit. The bishop then addresses the candidates:

Bishop: In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Bishop: Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

All: I reject them.

Bishop: Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

All: I renounce them.

Bishop: Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

All: I repent of them.

Bishop: Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

All: I turn to Christ.

Bishop: Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

All: I submit to Christ.

Bishop: Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

All: I come to Christ.

Bishop May God who has given you the desire to follow Christ give you strength to continue in the Way.

All Amen.

### SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

The bishop makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the candidates for baptism, saying:

Bishop: Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.

When the candidates for baptism have been signed, the bishop says:

Bishop: Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

All: Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ  
against sin, the world and the devil,  
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

Bishop: May almighty God

deliver you from the powers of darkness,  
restore in you the image of his glory,  
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

### PRAYER OVER THE WATER

The ministers and candidate for baptism, together with candidates for confirmation gather at the baptismal font. Please stand.

Bishop: Praise God who made heaven and earth,

All: who keeps his promise for ever.

Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Bishop: We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water

to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

Over water, the Holy Spirit moved

in the beginning of creation.

Through water you led the children of Israel

from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the promised land.

In water your Son Jesus received the Holy Spirit

as the Messiah, the Christ,

to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.

In it, we are buried with Christ in his death.

By it we share in his resurrection.

Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son,

we baptize into his fellowship

those who come to him in faith.

Now sanctify this water that,

by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
they may be cleansed from sin and born again.  
Renewed in your image,

may they walk by the light of faith

and continue for ever

in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord;

to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory,

now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### PROFESSION OF FAITH *(please stand)*

The bishop addresses the congregation

Sisters and Brothers I ask you to profess  
together with these candidatesthe faith of the Church.

Bishop: Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Bishop: Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

All: 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 again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop: Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

### BAPTISM

The bishop pours water on the candidate, saying

Bishop: *[Keira, Ringo]*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Bishop: May God, who has received you by baptism

into his Church,  
pour upon you the riches of his grace;  
that within the company of Christ’s pilgrim people,  
you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,  
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. **Amen.**

The bishop and the candidates gather at the place of confirmation. The Bishop sprinkles the candidates and the congregation with Holy Water as a reminder of their baptism, saying:

Bishop Remember your baptism into Christ Jesus.

**All Thanks be to God**

Then the bishop says:

Bishop: Almighty God,

we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith

with all who have been baptized in your name.

Keep us faithful to our baptism,

and so make us ready for that day

when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

## CONFIRMATION

**Hymn:** ‘Be still, for the presence of the Lord’

*(the congregation sit or kneel to sing)*

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here;

Come bow before him now with reverence and fear.

In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground;

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord, is shining all around;

He burns with holy fire; with splendour He is crowned.

How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light;

Be still, for the glory of the Lord, is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;

He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.

No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him;

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

The bishop stands before those who are to be confirmed, and says:

Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord

All: who has made heaven and earth.

Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord

All: now and for ever. Amen.

The bishop extends his hands towards those to be confirmed and says:

Bishop: Almighty and ever-living God,  
you have given these your servants new birth  
in baptism by water and the Spirit,  
and have forgiven them all their sins.  
Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them:  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding;  
the Spirit of counsel and inward strength;  
the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness;  
and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord. **Amen**.

The bishop confirms each candidate by name, and then anoints them. Family and friends are invited to stand as a mark of support for their candidate(s):

Bishop: *N.*, God has called you by name and made you his own.

The Bishop confirms each candidate in turn, saying

Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit. **Amen**.

The Bishop anoints the head of each, with these words

Bishop Be sealed with the seal of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

The bishop then invites the congregation to pray for all those on whom hands have been laid using the following prayer:

All: Defend, O Lord, these your servants

with your heavenly grace,

that they may continue yours for ever,

and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more  
until they come to your everlasting kingdom.

Amen.

## THE PEACE *(please stand)*

Bishop: God has made us one in Christ.  
He has set his seal upon us  
and, as a pledge of what is to come,  
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Bishop: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Everyone is invited to share the peace with one another.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## THE OFFERTORY

*‘This Collection will be given to Ordinands and their families in training in the Diocese with 10% given to support the links between our diocese and others across the world'.*

**Offertory hymn:** ‘O Jesus I have promised’

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;

be thou for ever near me, my Master and my Friend:

I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,

nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me: the world is ever near;

I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;

my foes are ever near me, around me and within;

but, Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,

above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;

O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;

O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee,

that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be;

and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end:

O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

O let me see thy foot-marks, and in them plant mine own;

my hope to follow duly is in thy strength alone:

O guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end;

and then in heaven receive me, my Saviour and my Friend

Eucharistic Prayer H *(please kneel)*

Bishop The Lord is here

**All His Spirit is with us**

Bishop Lift up your hearts

**All We lift them to the Lord**

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

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

Bishop It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

**All You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

Bishop In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

**All He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

Bishop On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

**All Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.**

Bishop At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**All Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.**

Bishop As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine, may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**All As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord**

Bishop With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

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

Bishop: Trusting in the compassion of God, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

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.

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

All: Though we are many, we are one body,

because we all share in one bread.

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

grant us peace.

Bishop: Jesus is the Lamb of God,

who takes away the sins 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.

Holy Communion is administered at the front of Church - please follow the directions of the wardens. The newly confirmed are invited to receive first.

**Everyone** is warmly invited to come to the altar, and those in good standing within their Church are invited to receive the sacrament. Those who prefer to receive a blessing are invited to come forward at the same time. Please indicate **clearly** if you wish to receive a blessing by bowing your head and keeping your hands well tucked in. Communion will be distributed at the high altar and in the Lady Chapel – please follow the directions of the sides people.

During the distribution of the sacrament, the following hymns are sung:

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God’s own Son,

Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

*Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,*

*And leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.*

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names,

Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory, I will see his face,

And there I’ll serve my King for ever, in that holy place.

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.*

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?

*Here I am, Lord*…

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?

*Here I am, Lord*…

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bishop: Let us pray:

Bishop God of mercy,  
by whose grace alone we are accepted  
and equipped for your service:  
stir up in us the gifts of your Holy Spirit  
and make us worthy of our calling;  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

All Almighty God,

we thank you for feeding us

with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Through him we offer you our souls and bodies

to be a living sacrifice.

Send us out in the power of your Spirit

to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

## SENDING OUT

The congregation remain kneeling:

Bishop The Lord be with you.

All And also with you

Bishop: The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Final hymn:**

As the hymn is sung, the newly confirmed gather on the sanctuary steps. Each of the candidates receives a lighted candle, lit from the Paschal candle.

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,

and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,

and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;

at Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;*

*I am the Lord of the dance, said he,*

*and I’ll lead you all wherever you may be,*

*and I’ll lead you all in the Dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,

but they would not dance and they wouldn’t follow me.

I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;

they came with me and the Dance went on:

*Dance, then, wherever you may be…*

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;

the holy people said it was a shame.

They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,

and they left me there on a cross to die.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be…*

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;

it’s hard to dance with the devil on your back.

They buried my body and they thought I’d gone;

but I am the Dance and I still go on.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be…*

They cut me down and I leapt up high;

I am the life that will never, never die;

I’ll live in your if you’ll live in me:

I am the Lord of the Dance, said he:

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;*

*I am the Lord of the dance, said he,*

*and I’ll lead you all wherever you may be,*

*and I’ll lead you all in the Dance, said he.*

As the hymn finishes, the bishop says

Bishop: God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness  
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ;  
walk in this light all the days of your life.

All: Shine as a light in the world  
to the glory of God the Father.

### DISMISSAL

Bishop: Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

 The bishop leads the newly confirmed out of church into the world.

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Thank you for coming to support our Confirmation Candidates

and to celebrate in this joyful day with them.

Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

If you feel inspired by today’s service and would like to know more about the Christian Faith, please speak to Fr Michael for more details

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