

The Anglican Diocese of Gippsland



THE ORDINATION
of
Rebecca Hayman
as a Deacon in the Church of God

by
Bishop Richard Treloar

Saturday 12 February 2022, 11am

Cathedral Church of St Paul

Rebecca (Bec) Hayman



Rebecca Hayman is married to Michael Anderson and they have two young adult children (Megan and Esther). Rebecca grew up in Sale and attended Gippsland Grammar, before moving to Melbourne to study psychology and theology. During this time she worked for Wycliffe Bible Translators for six years as a writer/editor and again did odd jobs to pay the bills.

In 2010 the family moved overseas for Mike's work, spending a year in India and three years in China (where Bec had once hoped to serve as a missionary).

In recent years her family has attended All Saints Anglican Church in Greensborough, where Rebecca served as Associate Pastor. In January of this year Rebecca and her family moved to a new home in Coalville, close to her sister's farm in the Strzeleckis, and have started worshipping at St Mary's Morwell, where Rebecca will be placed as Parish Deacon.

The Revd Dr Joy Sandefur – Preacher

Joy Sandefur, a retired Anglican minister, has walked and worked alongside Aboriginal people over many years. As a member of Wycliffe Bible Translators, Joy was part of the Kriol Bible Translation team. Her PhD thesis is a study of the Aboriginal church at Ngukurr in the Northern Territory. She has spent further years in the Northern Territory as a BCA staff worker, on the staff of Nungalinga College (a training college for Aboriginal Christians). Joy has supported Aboriginal churches in Arnhem Land, including by preparing Aboriginal women for ordination, and facilitating an Aboriginal congregation in Darwin.

We are honoured to welcome Joy as Rebecca's ordination retreat conductor and preacher at today's service.

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The Order of Procession

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A member of the Vocations Panel
The Preacher
Regional Deans
Archdeacon
Acting Dean
Deacon of the Eucharist
Bishop
Bishop's Chaplain

Organist Anthony Hahn

Setting Dudman

At the conclusion of the service the procession will be formed in the same order except that the new Deacon will precede the Bishop and be joined by family members for photographs outside the church

Please stand

Processional Hymn

1. God is here; as we God's people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

2. Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit,
here the cross has central place;
here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence as in speech,
here in newness and renewal
God the Spirit comes to each.
3. Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold,
here, as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us, as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.
4. Lord of all, of Church and Kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel,
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive.
We, who cannot live without you,
we adore you, we believe.

Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

Tune: *Hyfrydol*

Ancient & Modern New Standard 464

Gathering in God's Name

Please remain standing, as you are able

Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians

The Revd Kathy Dalton, Associate Priest St Mary's Morwell

Welcome to the Cathedral

The Acting Dean

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

The Deacon of the Eucharist

Jesus said to his disciples, 'I am among you as one who serves.'

See Luke 22:27

Let us pray.

**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.**

Prayer of Confession

The Deacon of the Eucharist

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

A short silence follows

Let us bring our darkness to his light,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Absolution

The Bishop says

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria

Sung by all, standing

**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 Bishop

Let us pray.

The Collect for the those to be ordained Deacon

Almighty God, giver of all that is good,
by your Holy Spirit you have appointed
various orders of ministry in your Church.
Bless Rebecca now called to the order of deacon.

So fill her with your truth and clothe her with holiness,
that she may faithfully serve and minister to the glory of your name
and the benefit of your Church.

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

The Collect for the Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Righteous God,
you challenge the powers that rule this world
and you show your favour to the oppressed:
instill in us a true sense of justice,
that we may discern the signs of your kingdom
and strive for right to prevail;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

Joshua 1:1-9

Read by Luba Yeoh

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to
Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide:

“Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready
to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the
Israelites. I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised
Moses. Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from
the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the
Mediterranean Sea in the west. No one will be able to stand against you all
the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never
leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and courageous, because you will
lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give
them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my
servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that
you may be successful wherever you go.

Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Psalm 77:13-20

Led by the Acting Dean

- 13 Your way, O God, is holy:
who is so great a god as our God?
- 14 You are the God that works wonders:
you made known your power among the nations.
- 15 By your mighty arm you redeemed your people:
the children of Jacob and Joseph.
- 16 The waters saw you, O God, the waters saw you and were afraid:
the depths also were troubled.
- 17 The clouds poured out water, the heavens spoke:
and your arrows darted forth.
- 18 The voice of your thunder was heard in the whirlwind:
your lightnings lit the world, the earth shuddered and quaked.
- 19 Your way was in the sea, your path in the great waters:
and your footprints were not seen.
- 20 You led your people like sheep:
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Please stand

Gradual Hymn

Great is your faithfulness, O God my Father,
In you no shadow of turning we see;
You never fail and your love is unchanging:
As you have been you for ever will be.

*Great is your faithfulness.
Great is your faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies we see;
All we have needed your hand has provided:
Great is your faithfulness, Lord God, to me.*

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

Great is your faithfulness . . .

Pardon for sin and a peace that's enduring,
your living presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow –
these are the blessings your love will provide.

Great is your faithfulness . . .

Words: Thomas Obadiah Chisolm (1866-1960), *alt.*,
based on Lamentations 3:22-23

Tune: *Faithfulness*
Together in Song 154

Please remain standing and turn to face the gospel

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Deacon: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke [6:17-26]

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

A dispute also arose among Jesus' disciples as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them,

“The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.”

Deacon: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please remain standing to sing the response to the gospel reading

All: Alleluia!

The Sermon

The Revd Dr Joy Sandefur

Please stand

The Nicene Creed

Let us together affirm 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.**

**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.**

Please sit

The Ordination

The Presentation of the Candidate

*The Ministry Development Officer and a member of the Vocations Panel present
Rebecca to the Bishop*

Richard, Bishop in the Church of God, we present to you Rebecca Hayman
to be ordained deacon.

The Bishop

Can you assure us that she is suited by her learning and godly living
to minister as a deacon in the household of Christ, to the glory of God?

The Ministry Development Officer

Rebecca has been examined.

Enquiries have been made among the people of God, especially among those concerned with her preparation, and we believe that this candidate is fit for this office.

The Bishop says to the people

Dear friends in Christ, you know the importance of this office.

We have been assured that Rebecca is suited to this ministry.

If, however, any of you know any adequate reason why we should not proceed, come forward and make it known.

If no impediment is alleged the Bishop says

Let us pray for Rebecca now to be ordained deacon.

After a period of silence the Litany is sung, please remain seated or kneel

God the Father,

have mercy on us.

God the Son,

have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,

have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God,

have mercy on us.

We humbly pray that you will hear us, good Lord.

Grant to your people the forgiveness of sins, growth in grace, and the fruit of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send your peace to the world which you have reconciled to yourself by the ministry of your Son Jesus.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Heal the divisions of your Church, that all may be one,
so that the world may believe.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lead the members of your Church in their vocation and ministry,
that they may serve you in true and godly living.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Raise up faithful and able ministers for your Church,
that the gospel may be known to all people.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill them with compassion, clothe them with humility,
and move them to care for all your people.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Inspire all bishops, priests and deacons with your love,
that with all your people they may hunger for truth,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bless your servant Rebecca who is to be admitted to the order of deacons.
Pour your grace upon her,
that she may faithfully fulfil the duties of this ministry,
build up your Church, and glorify your name.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Sustain by the indwelling of your Holy Spirit
all who are called to the ordained ministries of your Church,
and encourage them to persevere to the end.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Gather us with all your saints into your eternal kingdom.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Eternal God and Father,
you have promised to hear those who pray in the name of your Son.
Grant that what we have asked in faith we may obtain
according to your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Exhortation and Examination

The Bishop shall exhort and examine the candidate in the presence of the people

Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ lived and died as the servant of God. All who follow him are called to serve God in the world, setting forward Christ's kingdom through the power of the Spirit.

Christ has called you to the office of deacon.

You are to be an ambassador of Christ, serving God as you serve others in Jesus' name.

Proclaim the good news of God's love, so that many may be moved to faith and repentance, and hearts be opened to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly in the presence of God.

Let the transforming love of Jesus be known to all among whom you live and work.

Strengthen the faithful, teach the young, search out the careless and indifferent.

Encourage the members of Christ's body by word and example, ministering among the sick, the needy and all who are oppressed or in trouble.

Together with your bishop, priest and people, you are to take your place in public worship, assist in the administration of the sacraments, and play your part in the life and councils of the Church.

You are to preach the word of God in the place to which you are licensed, and to pray and work for peace and justice in the world.

As a deacon, you are to model your life according to the word of God. Study the Scriptures, reflecting with God's people upon their meaning, that all may be equipped to live out God's truth in the world.

Put away all that does not make for holiness of life.

Be faithful in prayer, that you may have strength to run the race that is set before you.

And now, in order that this congregation may understand your intention, and so that your public profession may strengthen your resolve, answer clearly these questions, which I ask you in the name of God and of the Church.

Rebecca, do you believe that you are truly called to this order and ministry of deacons, being moved by the Holy Spirit to serve God and build up his people, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ and the order of this Anglican Church of Australia?

Rebecca: I do believe I am called to this ministry.

Do you wholeheartedly accept the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as given by the Spirit to convey in many and varied ways the revelation of God which is fulfilled in our Lord Jesus Christ?

Rebecca: I do accept them.

Will you take your part in reading the holy Scriptures in the church and in assisting the priest to teach the doctrine of Christ and administer the sacraments?

Rebecca: I will, by God's grace.

Will you be diligent in prayer, and in the study of the holy Scriptures? Will you undertake such other studies as will help you in your ministry?

Rebecca: I will, by God's grace.

Will you strive to shape your own life and that of your household according to the way of Christ?

Rebecca: I will, by God's grace.

Will you constantly seek the help of the Holy Spirit to use and develop God's gifts to you, so that you may serve all by word and deed?

Rebecca: I will, by God's grace.

Will you promote unity, peace and love among all Christian people, especially among those with whom you serve God, encouraging and enabling them to fulfil their ministries?

Rebecca: I will, by God's grace.

Will you seek to set forward Christ's kingdom in the world, working for reconciliation, peace and justice?

Rebecca: I will, by God's grace.

Will you accept the order and discipline of the Anglican Church of Australia, submitting yourself to the lawful authority of your bishop and others set over you in the Church?

Rebecca: I will, by God's grace.

May God who has given you the will to do these things give you the grace and power to perform them. **Amen.**

The Bishop says to the congregation

You have heard Rebecca respond to God's call.
Will you accept her as a deacon in the Church of God?

All: **We accept her gladly!**

Will you support and encourage her in this ministry?

All: **We will, by God's grace.**

Please remain seated or kneel for the hymn

Come, Holy Spirit, our souls inspire,
and lighten with your heavenly fire.
you the anointing Spirit are,
on us your sevenfold gifts you pour.

Your 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 mortal face
with the abundance of your grace.
Keep far our foes, give peace at home:
where you are guide, no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and you with both to be but one,
that through the ages all along,
this may be our endless song:

Praise to your eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Words: Attributed to Rabunus Maurus (776-856)
Tune: *Veni, Creator Spiritus*
Together in Song 396

The Laying on of Hands

The candidate kneels before the Bishop, who says

Blessed are you, Lord our God!
In your infinite love you set us free
to be a holy people in the kingdom of your Son.
Though he was rich, for our sake Christ became poor.
Taking the form of a servant, he humbled himself,
and gave his life a ransom for many.
Exalted as Lord of all,
he poured out the gifts of the Spirit,
to equip the saints for the work of ministry,
and to build up the body of Christ.
And now we give you thanks
that you have called this your servant
Rebecca to the ministry of deacon in your Church.

The Bishop lays hands on the head of the ordinand

Send down the Holy Spirit upon your servant Rebecca
whom we set apart by the laying on of our hands,
for the office and work of a deacon in your Church. **Amen.**

The new Deacon is vested

The Bishop delivers the New Testament to the Deacon, saying

Take authority to exercise the office and ministry of a deacon
in the Church of God, in the name of the Father and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Bishop continues

Grant to your servant, merciful God,
grace and power to proclaim the gospel of salvation.
May she be patient and loving, strong and steadfast.
As you have called her to your service, make her worthy of her calling.
Accept our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who, with you and the Holy Spirit,
lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Greeting of Peace

The Bishop presents the newly ordained Deacon to the congregation

Brothers and sisters in Christ, I present to you The Revd Rebecca Hayman who has been ordained deacon in the Church of God.

The newly ordained Deacon is welcomed with applause

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

and also with you.

Offertory Hymn

In lieu of a collection, you are invited to make a retiring offering to the Gippsland Ministry Fund, which supports the training of clergy in the Diocese

Please find the collection station at the crossing as you leave the Cathedral, or via EFT at your convenience: BSB 013 795 Acc # 319406598 Subject Ref: GMF

Thank you for your generous support of the work of ministry formation

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the living waters flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

*Words: William Williams (1717-91),
trans. Peter Williams (1722-96) and William Williams
Tune: Cwm Rhondda
Together in Song 569*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use these offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever.

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.

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth.
We give you thanks and praise
for your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Who came not to be served, but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many.

He taught your word with boldness,
and offered himself to you in perfect obedience.
He cared for all as the good shepherd,
and laid down his life for his sheep.

By his death and rising to new life
he brought new life to your people.
In baptism you have united us to him,
and brought us out of darkness to light.

And now we give you thanks that in fulfilment of your promise
you pour out your Spirit upon us,
filling us with your gifts and leading us into all truth.

You give us power to proclaim your gospel to all nations
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.

You call out those who will serve you as deacons,
and commission them for the service of others,
that the pattern of Christ's rule may be seen among us.

Therefore, with them, and with all your saints
who have served you in every age,
we give thanks and lift our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

All join in 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.**

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks,
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All join in singing

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

As we eat and drink this holy sacrament,
renew us by your Spirit
that we may be united in the body of your Son
and serve you as a royal priesthood
in the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Receive our praises, Father,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom and in whom,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you in songs of never-ending praise.

All join in singing

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

As our Saviour Christ has taught us we are confident to pray,

**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 together and made one bread:
**so may your church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

All join in singing

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

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.

*Communicant members of other denominations
are welcome to receive Holy Communion*

*Please follow the directions of the sides-people to receive a pre-intincted wafer
from one of the Deacons, or a gluten-free pre-intincted wafer from the Acting Dean*

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God,
we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son,
and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit.
We thank you for raising up faithful servants
for the ministry of your word and sacraments.
May they be godly examples in word and action,
in love and patience, and in holiness of life,
that they may faithfully fulfil their ministry.
May your word spoken through them never fail.
Make us with them, faithful witnesses of the Lord Jesus and his resurrection,
that at his coming we may go out with great joy to meet him,
and be found worthy to worship you with all your saints for ever.

Most loving God,
**You send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your spirit.**

Words of affirmation from Archdeacon Sue Jacka, Rector of Morwell

Rebecca responds

Please stand

Dismissal Hymn

1. 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.*

2. 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.

This is our God, the Servant King ...

3. Come see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.

This is our God, the Servant King ...

4. 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.

This is our God, the Servant King ...

*Words and music: Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)
Together in Song 256*

Sending out of God's People

The Bishop gives the blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted;
give honour to all; love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

*Please remain standing for the Organ Recessional as Rebecca's family and the clergy
leave via the West door, then please exit via the narthex for refreshments*