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All Saints Oakham

# Team Confirmation



Thursday 14 November 2013

7:30pm

We welcome Rt Revd John Holbrook,  
Bishop of Brixworth to confirm this evening

## **THE CANDIDATES**

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## The Preparation

### Processional Hymn

- 1 Make way, make way, for Christ the King  
in splendour arrives.  
Fling wide the gates and welcome him  
into your lives.

*(Men) Make way! (Women) Make way! (Men) Make way (Women) Make way  
(Men) for the King of kings! (Women) for the King of kings!  
(Men) Make way! (Women) Make way! (Men) Make way (Women) Make way  
(All) and let his kingdom in!*

- 2 He comes the broken hearts to heal,  
the prisoners to free.  
The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,  
the blind shall see.
- 3 And those who mourn with heavy hearts,  
who weep and sigh,  
with laughter, joy and royal crown  
he'll beautify.
- 4 We call you now to worship him  
as Lord of all,  
to have no other gods but him:  
their thrones must fall!

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### Greeting

Welcome in the name of Christ.  
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

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

## Collect

Eternal Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King;  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All

**Amen.**



## The Liturgy of the Word

*Please sit*

### Old Testament Reading – Nehemiah 7.73b-8.3

When the seventh month came—the people of Israel being settled in their towns—all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

*At the end of the reading*

This is the word of the Lord.

All

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual Hymn

1. Be the God of all my Sundays,  
be the focus of my praise;  
it is you I choose to honour  
on this special day of days.  
God who made me, God who saved me,  
with your people I belong  
as we come to hear you speaking  
and to join our hearts in song.

2. Be the God of all my Mondays:  
let my lifestyle make you known;  
give me courage in confession  
when for you I stand alone.  
Be my God through work and leisure,  
rest and travel, day and night;  
let me keep a clear awareness  
of a life lived in your sight

3. Be the God I serve and worship  
day by day, throughout the week.  
God whose flawless care sustains me,  
God whose guiding word I seek.  
Be my God through every moment,  
every circumstance I face.  
God of life in its completeness,  
God of holy, daily grace

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Music: Ode to Joy, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)  
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## Gospel Reading – Matthew 15.29-39

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

*All*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

After Jesus had left that place, he passed along the Sea of Galilee, and he went up the mountain, where he sat down. Great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the maimed, the blind, the mute, and many others. They put them at his feet, and he cured them, so that the crowd was amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel.

Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, 'I have compassion for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat; and I do not want to send them away hungry, for they might faint on the way.' The disciples said to him, 'Where are we to get enough bread in the desert to feed so great a crowd?' Jesus asked them, 'How many loaves have you?' They said, 'Seven, and a few small fish.' Then ordering the crowd to sit down on the ground, he took the seven loaves and the fish; and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all of them ate and were filled; and they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. Those who had eaten were four thousand men, besides women and children. After sending away the crowds, he got into the boat and went to the region of Magadan.

*At the end*

*All*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon – Rt. Revd John Holbrook, Bishop of Brixworth**

# ¶ *The Liturgy of Initiation*

## **Presentation of the Candidates**

*The bishop asks the candidates*

Have you been baptised in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?

*Candidates* **I have.**

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*

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 bishop addresses all the candidates*

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:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

*Candidates* **I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

*Candidates* **I renounce them.**

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

*Candidates* **I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

*Candidates* **I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

*Candidates* **I submit to Christ.**

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

*Candidates* **I come to Christ.**

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

*The bishop, clergy and candidates for confirmation  
gather at the baptismal font.  
The congregation turns to face the font.*

## **Profession of Faith**

*The bishop addresses the congregation*

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with these candidates the faith of the Church.

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

*All* Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?  
**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.**

*All* Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*The bishop sprinkles the candidates with water, as a reminder of baptism.*

Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all who have been baptized into 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.**

*The bishop and the candidates gather at the place of confirmation.  
The congregation is asked to kneel or sit.*

## **Confirmation**

*All* Our help is in the name of the Lord  
**who has made heaven and earth.**

*All* Blessed be the name of the Lord  
**now and for ever. Amen.**

*The bishop extends his hands towards those to be confirmed*

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 addresses each candidate by name*

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

*The Bishop anoints each of those on whom he has laid hands with the Oil of  
Chrism, as a sign of God's anointing Spirit.*

*He then lays his hand on the head of each, saying*

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

*The Bishop invites the congregation to pray for those confirmed*

*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 Commission

*The bishop addresses those who have just been confirmed or received.*

Those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God.  
Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*Candidates* **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,  
repent and return to the Lord?

*Candidates* **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you proclaim by word and example  
the good news of God in Christ?

*Candidates* **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people,  
loving your neighbour as yourself?

*Candidates* **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society,  
by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak,  
and by seeking peace and justice?

*Candidates* **With the help of God, I will.**

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,  
that you may be rooted and grounded in love  
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit. **Amen.**

*Stand*

## The Peace

*Bishop* To crown all things there must be love,  
to bind all together and complete the whole.  
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

*All* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Offertory Hymn

*During this hymn the offerings will be received.*

1. Source and fount of all creation,  
pour your Spirit from above  
on the bearers of your image,  
offspring of a human love.  
Human hopes and human graces  
break beneath the weight of sin;  
fear and envy wrench asunder  
world without and self within.

2. Human love is unavailing  
counter-weight to sin and strife;  
love of God alone can hold us  
on the way that leads to life.  
Praised be God, whose Son our Saviour  
human nature has restored,  
living, dying, raised in glory,  
to the likeness of its Lord.

3. Trace, O Christ, salvation's pattern,  
God and sinner reconciled,  
in an all-embracing story:  
new creation, new-born child.  
Word incarnate, world's Redeemer,  
here in us thy work repeat,  
signed and sealed your own for ever,  
till the pattern stands complete.

4. Christ our universal Saviour,  
nature's poet, nature's priest,  
through life's troubled waters bring us  
to the eucharistic feast,  
where rejoicing saint and sinner  
praise the Lord of time and space,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
fount of being, source of grace.

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# The Liturgy of the Eucharist

*Stand*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*Bishop*

The Lord is here.

*All*

**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

*All*

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All*

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.  
For with the oil of gladness  
you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son,  
to be our great high priest and king of all creation.  
As priest, he offered himself once for all upon the altar of the cross  
and redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice of peace.  
As king he claims dominion over all your creatures,  
that he may bring before your infinite majesty  
a kingdom of truth and life,  
a kingdom of holiness and grace,  
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.  
And so with angels and archangels  
and all the heavenly host,  
we proclaim your glory  
and join their unending hymn of praise:

*All (sung)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, (x2)  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. (x2)**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. (x2)**

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

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.  
When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

*All (sung)* **Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.  
Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.  
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours,  
O loving Father, for ever and ever.

*All (sung)* **Amen.**

*Sit or kneel*

## **Lord's Prayer**

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.  
Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread

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.**

## Agnus Dei

*All (sung)* **Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

## Giving of Bread and Wine

God's holy gifts, for God's holy people.

*All* **Jesus Christ is holy. Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*The congregation comes to receive Communion, the newly-confirmed receiving first. We welcome all who would normally receive Communion in their own churches to do so here. If you would prefer to receive a blessing rather than the bread and wine, it is helpful if you indicate your intentions by bringing this booklet with you.*

*While Communion is being distributed, the choir sings the Anthem:*

## Anthem

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only Light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise,  
Triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Day-star, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn  
Unaccompanied by Thee;  
Joyless is the day's return  
Till Thy mercy's beams I see;  
Till they inward light impart,  
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,  
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
Fill me, Radiancy divine,  
Scatter all my unbelief;  
More and more Thyself display,  
Shining to the perfect day.

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only Light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise,  
Triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Day-star, in my heart appear.

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)  
Music: Malcolm Archer (b 1952)*

## Communion Hymns

- 1 All heaven declares the glory of the risen Lord.  
Who can compare with the beauty of the Lord?  
Forever he will be the Lamb upon the throne;  
I gladly bow the knee and worship him alone.
- 2 I will proclaim the glory of the risen Lord,  
who once was slain to reconcile the world to God.  
Forever you will be the Lamb upon the throne.  
I gladly bow the knee and worship you alone.

*Words & Music: Noel Richards (b 1955) and Tricia Richards (b 1960)  
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- 1 Holy Spirit, come, confirm us  
in the truth that Christ makes known;  
we have faith and understanding  
through your helping gifts alone.
- 2 Holy Spirit, come, console us,  
come as Advocate to plead,  
loving Spirit from the Father,  
grant in Christ the help we need.
- 3 Holy Spirit, come, renew us,  
come yourself to make us live;  
holy through your loving presence,  
holy through the gifts you give.
- 4 Holy Spirit, come, possess us,  
you the love of Three in One,  
Holy Spirit of the Father,  
Holy Spirit of the Son.

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## Prayer after Communion

All

**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. Amen.**



## Sending Out

### Blessing

God the Father,  
who has given to his Son the name above every name,  
strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

God the Son,  
who is our great high priest passed into the heavens,  
plead for you at the right hand of the Father.

*All* **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
who pours out his abundant gifts upon the Church,  
make you faithful servants of Christ our King.

*All* **Amen.**

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

*All* **Amen.**

### Giving of Light

*The bishop gives those newly confirmed a candle lit from the Paschal Candle.*

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.**

### The Dismissal

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

*During which bishop leads the newly confirmed through the church.*

- 1 How shall I sing that majesty  
which angels do admire?  
Let dust in dust and silence lie;  
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.  
Thousands of thousands stand around  
thy throne, O God most high;  
ten thousand times ten thousand sound  
thy praise; but who am I?
- 2 Thy brightness unto them appears,  
while I thy footsteps trace;  
a sound of God comes to my ears,  
but they behold thy face.  
They sing, because thou art their sun;  
Lord, send a beam on me;  
for where heaven is but once begun  
there alleluias be.
- 3 Enlighten with faith's light my heart,  
in flame it with love's fire;  
then shall I sing and bear a part  
with that celestial choir.  
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,  
with all my fire and light;  
yet when thou dost accept their gold,  
Lord, treasure up my mite.
- 4 How great a being, Lord, is thine,  
which doth all beings keep!  
Thy knowledge is the only line  
to sound so vast a deep.  
thou art a sea without a shore,  
a sun without a sphere;  
thy time is now and evermore,  
thy place is everywhere.

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