SERVICE OF COMMISSIONING

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The Gathering

GATHERING SONG – Ten Thousand Reasons

Processional ORGAN MUSIC
Please stand for the entrance of the Tutors.

WELCOME
The Revd Dr Michael Lloyd

The Lord be with you
And also with you

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.
HYMN - HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty
God in three persons blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea
Cherubim and Seraphim falling down before Thee
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be

Holy, holy, holy, though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love and purity

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

SONG - HERE I AM TO WORSHIP
Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore you
Hope of a life spent with You

So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You’re my God
You’re altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above,
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love’s sake became poor

I’ll never know how much it cost
To see my name upon that cross

I will give You all my worship
I will give You all my praise
You alone I long to worship
You alone are worthy of my praise.

TESTIMONIES from students
Philip McKenning
Isabel Bowerman

ANTHEM - O JESUS I HAVE PROMISED
O Jesus I have promised to serve Thee to the end
O be Thou 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 murmer of self will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control
O speak, and make me listen, Thou guardian of my soul

O let me see Thy footmark 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
The Liturgy of the Word

READINGS

1 Thessalonians 5: 12-24   Read by Simon Jones

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Matthew 13: 44-53   Read by

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

SERMON
The Right Reverend Andrew Rumsey, bishop of Ramsgate

INTERCESSIONS   led by David Reed

The Liturgy of the Sacrament
THE PEACE

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

HYMN - WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the prince of glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

Forbid it Lord that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God
All the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to His love

See from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did ‘ere such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my life, my soul, my all.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER
The Lord is here.
**His Spirit is with us.**
Lift up your hearts.
**We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

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.
**You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**
In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.
**He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

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

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.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:**

his blood is shed for all.

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.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts**

**make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we 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.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

ANTHEM AND SONG DURING COMMUNION -

ANTHEM - O THOU WHO AT THY EUCHARIST DID’ST PRAY
SONG - JESUS MESSIAH

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing, love so amazing

*Jesus Messiah, name above all names*
*Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel*
*The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven*
*Jesus Messiah, Lord of all*

His body the bread, His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing, love so amazing

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You
All the glory to You God, the light of the world.

Prayer AFTER COMMUNION

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.

The Sending Out

COMMISSIONING OF LEAVING STUDENTS

Leaving students and supporters should stand as Tutors call
their names, and remain standing until after the prayer.

SENDING PRAYER

The Revd Dr Michael Lloyd
ANTHEM - THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU

BLESSING

HYMN - BE THOU MY VISION
Be Thou my vision O Lord of My heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought in the day and the night
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Be Thou my breastplate my sword for the fight
Be Thou my armour and be Thou my might
Thou my soul’s shelter and Thou my high tower
Raise Thou me heavenward O Power of my power

Riches I heed not nor man’s empty praise
Thou mine inheritance through all my days
Thou and Thou only the first in my heart
High King of heaven my treasure Thou art

High King of heaven when battle is done
Grant heaven’s joy to me O bright heaven’s Sun
Christ of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my vision O Ruler of all.

RECESSIONAL ORGAN MUSIC
Tutors will recess, before joining their Fellowship Groups for the presentation of gifts to leavers.

We are very glad that you could be with us today, and we hope you will join us immediately after the service for a BBQ Garden Party, on the Lawn at Wycliffe Hall.

Our thanks go to:
St Andrew’s Church
...and all of the students and staff of Wycliffe Hall, who worked so hard to make Commissioning Day happen.