

**Inaugural meeting of**  
**The triennium of the Diocesan Synod**  
**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

**President:**

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**Preacher:**

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**Music:**

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**Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided  
Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:  
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.**

**Lord, for that **W**ord, the **W**ord of life which fires us,  
Speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
Teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:  
Lord of the **W**ord; receive your people's praise.**

**Lord, for our land, in this our generation,  
Spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:  
For young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.**

**Lord, for our world, when we disown and doubt him  
Loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;  
Hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him;  
Lord of the world, we pray that **C**hrist may reign.**

**Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us-  
Self on the cross and **C**hrist upon the throne,  
Past put behind us, for the future take us:  
Lord of our lives, to live for **C**hrist alone.**

## **The Gathering**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **The Greeting**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ 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.**

## **Prayers of Penitence**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:  
The first commandment is this:  
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'  
There is no other commandment greater than these.  
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.  
**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.

Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of his love  
with all the saints in earth and heaven.  
Knowing our unworthiness and sin,  
let us ask from him both mercy and forgiveness.

Let judgement for me come forth from your presence,  
and let your eyes discern the right:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Search my heart and visit me;  
try me by fire:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Keep me as the apple of your eye;  
hide me under the shadow of your wings:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon *you*,  
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,  
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,  
and keep *you* in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **The Collect**

Let us pray.

Sovereign God,  
Who set your servant Edward  
Upon the throne of an earthly kingdom  
And inspired him with zeal for the kingdom of heaven:  
Grant that we may so confess  
the faith of Christ by word and deed,  
that we may, with all your saints, inherit your eternal glory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the holy spirit,  
one God now and forever. **Amen.**

**First Reading** – Angela Mattewson Wigan Deanery  
Galatians 3:22-end -

## **Gospel Reading – Canon Geoff Almond**

Luke 11:27-28

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

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

*At the end*

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

## **Sermon**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine,  
he did not cling to equality with God,  
but made himself nothing.  
Taking the form of a slave,  
he was born in human likeness.  
He humbled himself  
and was obedient to death,  
even the death of the cross.  
Therefore God has raised him on high,  
and given him the name above every name:  
that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bow,  
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession – Canon Maggie Swinson**

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*and at the end*

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## **The Peace**

May the God of peace sanctify you:  
may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness  
that you may be blameless before him  
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with his saints.  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have come to us,  
you are one with us, Mary's Son;  
cleansing our souls from all their sin  
pouring your love and goodness in;  
Jesus, our love for you we sing, living Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
now and every day  
teach us how to pray, Son of God.  
You have commanded us to do  
this in remembrance, Lord of you:  
into our lives your power breaks through, living Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have come to us,  
born as one of us, Mary's Son.  
Lead out to die on Calvary,  
risen from death to set us free,**

**living Lord Jesus help us see you are Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
I would come to you,  
live my life for you, Son of God.  
all your commands I know are true,  
your many gifts will make me new,  
into my life your power breaks through, Living Lord.**

*The President says*

Eternal God,  
we give you thanks for the triumph of Christ  
in the life of your servant Edward the Confessor.  
Accept this sacrifice of thanks and praise  
and give us grace to run our course with faith,  
that we may come with all your saints  
to the eternal banquet in heaven,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

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 thanks and praise.**

And now we give you thanks  
that your glory is revealed in Edward and all the saints.  
In their lives you have given us an example of faithfulness to Christ.  
In their holiness we find encouragement and hope.  
In our communion with them we share the unity of your kingdom.



Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
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.  
Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:  
**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

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.**

**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.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

## **Prayer after Communion**

Faithful God, who called Edward the Confessor to serve you  
and gave him joy in walking the path of holiness:  
by this eucharist,  
in which you renew within us the vision of your glory,  
strengthen us all to follow the way of perfection  
until we come to see you face to face;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**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.**

## **Blessing**

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

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love,  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;  
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;  
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;  
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;  
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:  
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.**

**High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright sun,  
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;  
great heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be thou my vision, O ruler of all.**

**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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