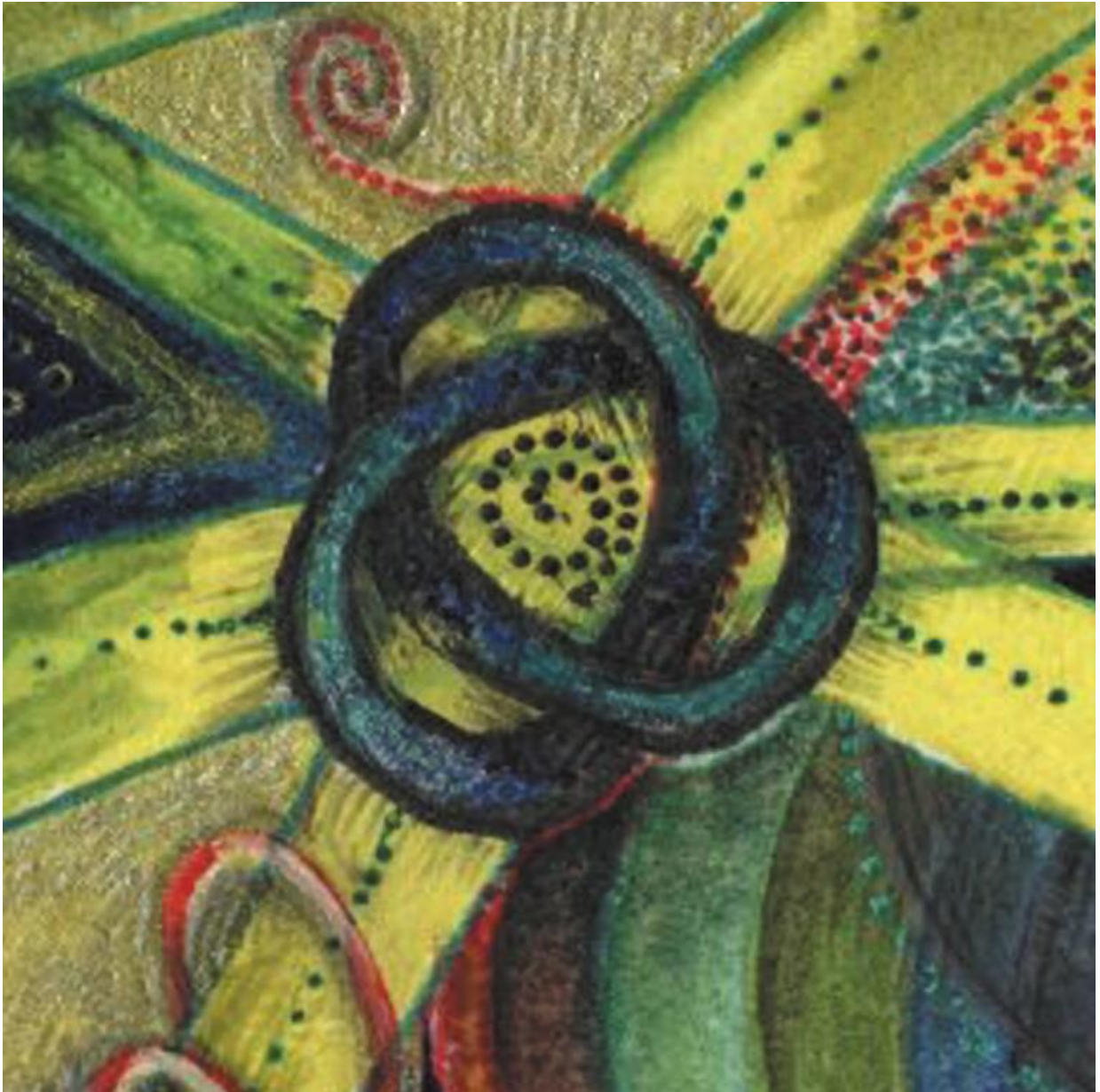


**St Mary Magdalene, Geddington
and
St Mary the Virgin, Weekley**



**Service of Holy Communion
and Licensing of Reader**

The Greeting

Please Stand

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

Prayer of Preparation

**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

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.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen**

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

Silence is kept

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Liturgy of The Word

Gospel Reading

Please Stand

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Mark*.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰ They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' ³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. ³³ Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' ³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' ³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

by Bishop Donald

The Presentation of the Candidate

The *incumbent* presents the candidate to the Bishop, giving her name and the parish in which she will serve, saying

Bishop Donald, I present Penelope Jane Griffin to be admitted and licensed to the office of Reader in the benefice of Geddington w Weekley.

The Bishop asks the Ministry Training Officer (or incumbent)

Have those whose duty it is to inquire about this person and examine her found her to be of godly life and sound learning?

They have.

The Bishop presents the candidate to the people saying:

We believe this candidate to be a devoted servant of Christ and his people, and believe her to be duly called to serve God in this ministry.

Is it, therefore, your will that she should be admitted and licensed?

It is.

Will you uphold her in her ministry?

We will.

The Declaration

Preface (Revd Gillian Gamble)

The Declaration of Assent (Penny Griffin)

The Declaration of Obedience (Penny Griffin)

The Bishop addresses the congregation:

Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Apostle Paul has taught us that within the Church there is a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit; that there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and that to each of us is given a manifestation of the Spirit for the common good, so that we may share in Christ's ministry for the building up of his body, the Church.

The Bishop addresses the person to be licensed:

Those who are called to be Readers are to share in leading worship, preaching the word of God, teaching the Christian faith, and assisting in the pastoral and evangelistic work of the Church.

Do you believe that God has called you to this ministry?

I believe that God has called me.

Will you be diligent in prayer, in reading Holy Scripture, and in all studies that will deepen your faith?

By the help of God, I will.

Will you promote unity, peace and love among all people, and especially among those whom you serve?

By the help of God, I will.

Will you strive to work in harmony with all who share in Christ's ministry?

By the help of God, I will.

Do you accept the Holy Scriptures as revealing all things necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ?

I do so accept them.

Will you endeavour to fashion your own life and that of your household according to the way of Christ, that you may be a pattern and example to Christ's people?

By the help of God, I will.

May God, who has given you the will to undertake all these things, give you also the strength to perform them, that he may complete that work which he has begun in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Admission and Licensing

Penelope Griffin, I admit you to the Office of Reader in the Church, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Penelope Griffin, I license you to serve as a Reader in these parishes.

The Bishop blesses the new Reader

The almighty and merciful Lord,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
bless you and all whom you serve in his name. **Amen**

Prayers of Intercession

These responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

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

A Special Prayer for Readers:

God our Father you give us various gifts that we may work together in the service of your son. Bless and sustain those you have called to be Readers in this diocese and raise up men and women to offer themselves for this ministry. Through their preaching, teaching and leading of worship, may our Readers proclaim your Word, build up your people in truth and serve them in your name, that we may be mature in the fullness of Christ. **Amen**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please Stand

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
since as members of one body
you are called to peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

Blessed be God,
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

Blessed be God for ever.

Eucharistic Prayer

Please Stand

The Lord be with you (or) The Lord is here.
and also with you. 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.

Father, you made the world and love your creation.
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.
And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you,
and *singing/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.**

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**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 St. Mary Magdalene, St. Mary the Virgin and 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. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Please Sit

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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**

Breaking of the Bread

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.**

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

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have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Those who may be watching the service at home, can say this prayer during the distribution

Spiritual Communion

**Lord Jesus Christ,
since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I humbly pray that you would
come spiritually to my soul.
Come, Lord Jesus, come and cleanse me,
heal me, strengthen me, and unite me to you,
now and for evermore. Amen**

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept

**Lord, in these days of mercy,
make us quiet and prayerful;
in these days of challenge,
make us stronger in you;
in these days of emptiness,
take possession of us;
in these days of waiting, open our hearts
to the mystery of your cross. Amen**

Notices

Hymn

The Dismissal

Please Stand

The Blessing

The love of the Lord Jesus
draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus
strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

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



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