



**The Bishop of Chichester**  
*The Rt Revd Dr Martin Warner*

3rd April 2020

**Holy Week from Chichester**

The Dean and Chapter have facilitated a programme of services for Holy Week as shown below. We are grateful to them for this contribution to our household of faith, enabling me to celebrate with you and for you, in these strange circumstances, the renewal of our commitment to Jesus Christ.

**Please make these the times of these services known to people in your communities.**

They will be streamed on the diocesan and cathedral websites.

**Please take particular note of the short Liturgy of Renewal of Ordination Promises on Maundy Thursday at 12 noon.**

**Palm Sunday, April 5**

10:30 am The Eucharist

**Monday of Holy Week, April 6**

7:30pm Compline and Address (audio only)

Led by the Chancellor, Dan Inman

**Tuesday of Holy Week, April 7**

7:30pm Compline and Address (audio only)

Led by the Dean, Stephen Waine

**Wednesday of Holy Week, April 8**

7:30pm Compline and Address (audio only)

Led by the Precentor, Tim Schofield

**Maundy Thursday, April 9**

12 noon Renewal of Ordination Promises

7:30pm The Eucharist

**Good Friday, April 10**

3:00pm The Liturgy for Good Friday

**Easter Day, April 12**

10:30am The Eucharist and renewal of Baptism promises

**This is to be a Holy Week like no other in living memory for most of us.**

**It is clear that parishes across the diocese are rising to the challenge as preparations are now in hand to present the drama of the Lord's passion, and the joy of his resurrection, in new and exciting ways.**

**My personal experience of Holy Week is that it feels like the beginning of a week in retreat. All other demands are set to one side. It's a busy and demanding time. Tempers fray, life is intensified, our limitations and priorities are exposed. These are indications of authenticity. They are the terms and conditions of our humanity, in which we enter Jerusalem, stand bereft at Calvary, and come starkly to the tomb.**

**Like any retreat, it takes a bit of time to get into the rhythm of the days. This year, we have the unprecedented gift of time, because there is nowhere else to go. How will you use that time?**

**There are already more than enough suggestions on our website, and on social media. So forgive me if I make another suggestion. I hope it will help you deal with the rest.**

**Do not make yourself busy. Resist the attraction of too much streaming and the temptation to check on what others did, and how many hits they got.**

**This Holy Week is a week for being re-created, for understanding the complexity of nature, even in its destructive manifestations, and marvel at it. Take God as your example, from the opening of Genesis. Do one thing well in each day. Review your day: discern the points at which you can rejoice and give thanks from what is good.**

**Keep an eye on the Genesis list. Rejoice in creation – sun, moon, stars, hills, rivers, seas, etc. Take note that the beasts of the field are made on the 5<sup>th</sup> day (Thursday), as the paschal lamb is prepared. Take note that humanity, the crown of God's creation, is made on the 6<sup>th</sup> day, as we are re-made on the wood of the cross.**

**And on the 7<sup>th</sup> day, take note of what sabbath rest is and does. It is the gaze of love that transforms irrevocably what it sees, in its intensity and delight. It is eternity at peace with itself, capable of whatever space is needed for the recovery of what was lost (the harrowing of hell).**

# The Reaffirmation of Ordination Commitment

*The Bishop invites priests and deacons to stand and says to them:*

*My brothers and sisters, at his Last Supper our Lord Jesus Christ gave his disciples a new commandment, that they should love one another, and he prayed that they might be one. He gave them an everlasting sign of his own love, in the sacrament of his body and blood. He consecrated himself to his Father's service, to be the high priest of the New Covenant.*

*Today, as we approach the threshold of the paschal mystery, I invite priests and deacons to renew the commitment you made at your ordination, and to offer your selves anew in Christ's service.*

*At your ordination you accepted the yoke of Christ for love of the Lord and his Church. Are you resolved to unite yourself more closely to Christ and to become more like him, joyfully sacrificing your own pleasures and ambitions to bring his peace and love to your brothers and sisters?  
Clergy **I am, with the help of God.***

*With the example of the Lord who washed his disciples' feet, will you be faithful in serving the needs of others and diligent in caring for those in need and trouble, in strengthening the faithful and in searching out the indifferent and the lost?  
Clergy **I will, by the grace of God.***

*Will you fashion your life according to the pattern of Christ, that you may be a true pastor, by word and example, to the people among whom you serve?  
Clergy **I will, by the grace of God.***

*Will you encourage the priestly ministry of all the baptized, Will you encourage the priestly ministry of all the baptized, working in partnership with all whom the Lord has given you, in building up the Church and the kingdom?  
Clergy **I will, by the grace of God.***

*Will you be a faithful minister of the mysteries of God by leading the worship of his people with devotion and care, and by teaching the Christian faith with joy and conviction?  
Clergy **I will, by the grace of God.***

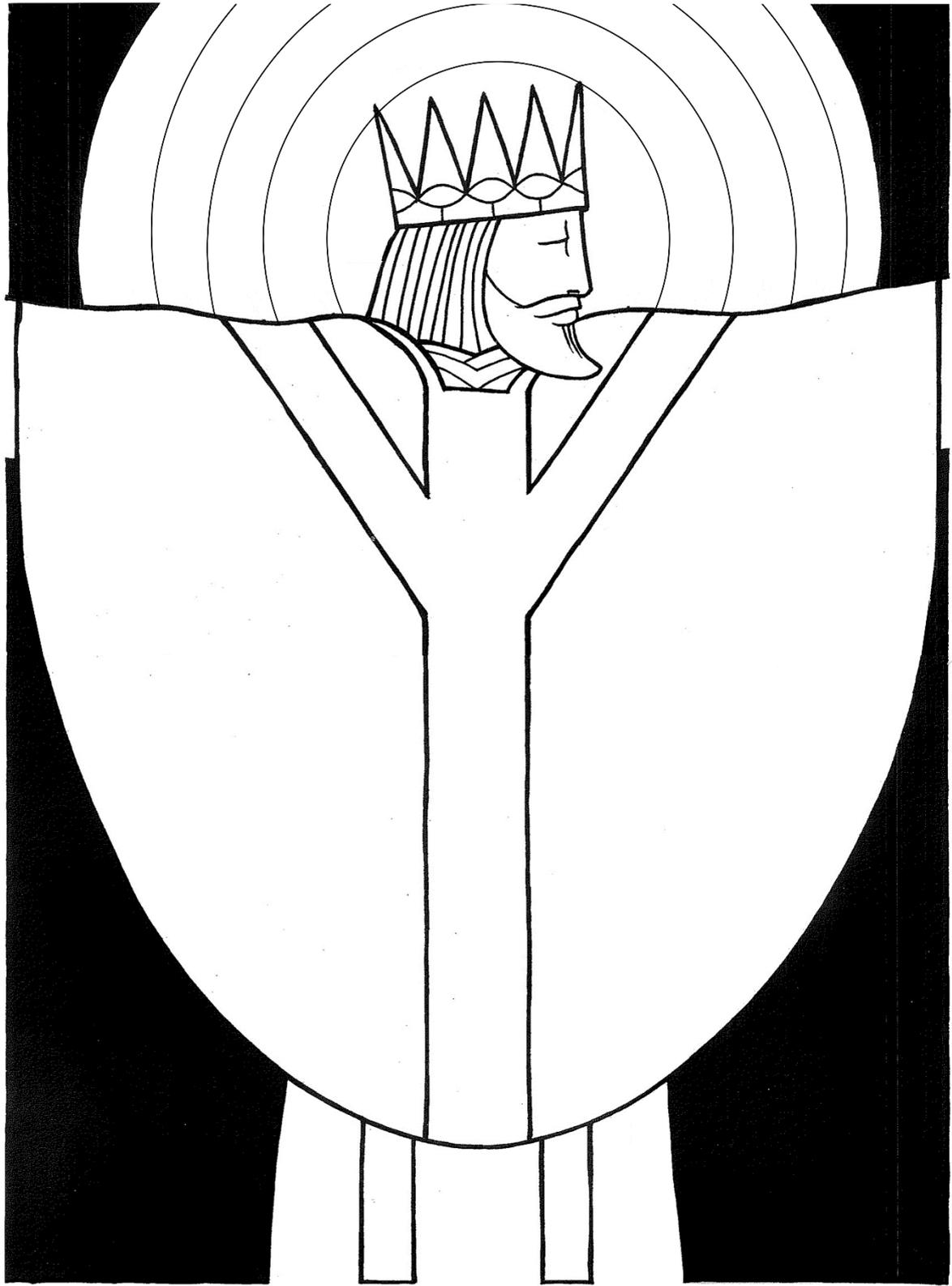
*Will you continue to follow the way of Christ, the head and shepherd of the Church of God, whose grace is sufficient to meet your need?*

**Clergy I will, by the grace of God.**

*The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
His goodness restores my soul.*

*And I will trust in You alone,  
And I will trust in You alone,  
For Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.*

*He guides my ways in righteousness,  
And He anoints my head with oil,  
And my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on His pure delights.  
And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know.*





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FOR YOU**