

The Making of Profession in First Vows



*Christ has no body now on earth
but yours;
no hands but yours;
no feet but yours.*

*Yours are the eyes through which the compassion
of Christ must look out on the world.*

*Yours are the feet with which He is to go about
doing good.*

*Yours are the hands with which He is to bless
His people.*

St. Teresa of Avila



**The Feast of St James the Great
25th July 2004**

St Philip's Anglican Church Annerley

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**Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the
world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you
in me?**

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my
name.**

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

**In your company I'll go, where your love and footsteps
show.**

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of the nations,
we thank you for nourishing us with this holy sacrament.
Guide us by your presence,
that we may bring your light to those who dwell in darkness,
and establish your justice in the earth.

Most loving God
**you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your spirit.**

God of this ancient land, through baptism you have given us
an inheritance into one family, give us grace to walk together
in the unity of Christ Jesus;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and
the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Recessional Hymn *The Summons*

**Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the
same?
Will you let my love be shown?
Will you let my name be known?
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

**Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the
same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract
or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?**

**Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this
unseen?
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?**

Introit Hymn *All Creatures of our God and King*

**All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
alleluia, alleluia;
O burning sun with golden beam,
and silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Dear mother earth, who day by day
uphold rich blessings on our way,
O praise him, alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
let them his glory also show;
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**And everyone of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
O praise him, alleluia!
All who long pain and sorrow bear
praise God and on him cast your care;
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness;
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son.
and praise the Spirit Three in One;
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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WELCOME Br Donald Campbell SSF, *Guardian*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Sentence of the Day

James, son of Zebedee, left his father and all he had to follow Jesus and became a fisher of people.

Confession

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith confident in God's forgiveness.

Lord, we have sinned in thought word and deed:

Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy on us

We are truly sorry and we ask you to forgive us

Christ have mercy

Christ have mercy

Christ have mercy on us

Help us by your spirit to live in newness of life:

Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy on us

Absolution

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one
bread:

**So may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

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

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

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the
world, grant us your peace.**

Jesus is the lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy 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.**

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood
of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on
him

in our hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

*[communicant members of all Churches are welcome at the
Lord's table.]*

COMMUNION HYMNS

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Simple Gifts. Traditional Shaker Hymn

Therefore, in obedience to his command,
we commemorate and celebrate
his saving passion and death,
his mighty resurrection and ascension in to heaven
and we eagerly await his coming again in glory.

We thank you that by your grace alone
you have accepted us in Christ;
and here we offer you a spiritual sacrifice,
holy and acceptable in your sight.
Through Christ, receive this our duty and service,
and grant that we who eat and drink these holy gifts
may, by your Holy Spirit,
be one body in Christ,
and serve you in unity and peace.

In your grace and mercy,
bring us to the joy of your eternal kingdom
with all the company of the redeemed.
May we praise you in union with them,
and give you glory through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through him, with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father eternal,
in songs of never—ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours forever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to
pray,

**Our Father in Heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise, Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,**

**Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the Glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect for the Feast of St James the Greater

O gracious God,
whose holy apostle Saint James,
leaving his father and all that he had,
was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ and
followed him even to death:

Help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world,
to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay;
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

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah Chapter 6 verse 5

The Rev Dr Cecile Landers

⁵ And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" ⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷ The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" ⁹

Responsorial Psalm 116 v 1-5, 12 – 20

R/ I will work in the presence of the Lord, in the Land of the Living

V/ I love the Lord who has heard my prayer
who bends down to hear my call.
The cords of death entangled me
the grip of the grave took hold of me. **R/**

V/ Then I called on the name of the Lord
"I beg you save my soul"
Our Lord is gracious and just,
our God is merciful. **R/**

V/ How can I repay the Lord
for the goodness done for me?
The cup of salvation I raise
and call on the name of the Lord. **R/**

V/ To the Lord I will pay my vows
before all the people.
How precious the death of the saints,
those who remain faithful to God! **R/**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious God,
all creation rightly gives you praise.
All life, all holiness, come from you
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
whom you sent to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.
Hear us, merciful Lord;
through Christ accept our sacrifice of praise;
and, by the power of your Word and Holy Spirit,
sanctify this bread and wine,
that we who share in this holy sacrament
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.
Who, when his hour had come,
on the night before he went up to the cross
to make full atonement for the sins of the world,
offering once for all his one sacrifice of himself,
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.'

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of the Kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Lord be with you

And also 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 our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour, thanks and praise,
be yours now and always;
Lord of every time and place,
God beyond our dreaming.
We give you thanks that from the beginning of time,
your spirit has brooded over this ancient land.
In the fullness of time you revealed your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.
By his death on the cross
and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.
We give you thanks that in him
you have revealed to us your presence
in the vastness of this land,
your love in its fruitfulness, and
your purpose in its cycles of death and renewed life.

Therefore with angel and archangels,
with St James, St Francis, St Clare, St Philip
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
forever praising you and singing:

V/ Lord God, I am your slave,
the child of a faithful mother.
You have loosed my bonds,
you have set me free. **R/**

V/ A sacrifice of thanks I bring
and call on your name.
To the Lord I will pay my vows
before all the people. **R/**

V/ I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the courts of God.
In the midst of Jerusalem.
Alleluia! **R/**

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A Reading from 'The Anonymous of Perugia'

Mr David Cox

Two men from Assisi, inspired by divine grace, humbly approached Francis. One of these was Brother Bernard, and the other, Brother Peter. They told Francis simply, 'We wish to live with you from now on and do what you are doing. Tell us, therefore, what we should do with our possessions.' Overjoyed at their coming and their resolve, he answered them kindly, 'Let us go and seek counsel from the Lord.'

So they went to one of the city's churches. Upon entering it, they fell on their knees and humbly prayed, 'Lord, God, Father of glory, we beg you in your mercy, show us what we are to do.' After finishing the prayer they asked the priest who was there, 'Sir, would you show us the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.'

And, since before this happened none of them knew how to read very well, when the priest opened up the book, they immediately found the passage: 'If you wish to be perfect, go, sell everything you possess and give to the poor, and you will have a treasure in heaven.'

Opening up the book a second time, they discovered:
'Whoever wishes to come after me...'

When they opened up the book for the third time, they came upon:
'Take nothing for your journey ...'

When they heard this, they were filled with great joy and exclaimed: 'This is what we want, this is what we were seeking.' And blessed Francis said: 'This will be our Rule.' Then he told both of them: 'Go, and may you fulfill the Lord's counsel as you heard it.'

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Gradual Hymn *Hymn for St James*

**Down through the ages we honour the names
Of saints who have served you—apostles like James.
Called forth from his fishing to follow his Lord,
His nets he discarded, your love his reward.**

**Fisherman humble, no scholar no priest,
A vision you gave him for greatest and least:
A gospel of healing, of grace, free for all,
A love all—embracing for those whom you call.**

**Spurning all danger, he fearlessly taught,
A fisher of people until he was caught,
Condemned and beheaded, a martyr in death,
Devoted, outspoken while God gave him breath.**

**Christ, you have called us to follow you too,
Your footsteps to walk in, your work here to do.
Like James may we trust you to counsel and guide;
Disciples together by God sanctified.**

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THE GREETING OF PEACE

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

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

Offertory Hymn *Oh Where Are You Going?*

**Oh where are you going, and can I come with you,
and what is your method of keeping alive:
no pack or possessions, no clothing or shelter,
no food to sustain you—how can you survive?**

**Oh where are you going, and can I come with you,
and why is your company never the same?
You sit among beggars, you argue with bankers,
debate with the lawyers, and walk with the lame.**

**Oh where are you going, and can I come with you,
and what can you show for your talents and time—
no profit from trading, no thing of your making,
no mark or memento, no picture or rhyme?**

**Oh where are you going, and can I come with you,
and what is the secret towards which you strive?
What hidden inspirer, what unseen admirer,
what dream is the substance upon which you thrive?**

**I'm going on a journey and welcome companions,
but don't ask me how we'll survive, where we'll go,
or who will come with us, or what we'll be doing
just join me in traveling and learn all I know.**

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Blessed Trinity,
hold us all firm in our faith
that we may know you in all ways
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,
who are three Persons in one God,
now and forever.

Amen.

The newly professed kneel and the Minister shall say:

May our blessed Lady pray for you.
May Saint Francis, who bore the marks
of the Lord Jesus, pray for you.
May Saint Clare pray for you.
May all the saints of the three Orders pray for you.
May the Holy angels befriend you
and watch around you to protect you.
And I will pronounce upon you the blessing
which our holy father, Francis,
gave to Brother Leo, his companion:
The Lord + bless you and watch over you,
the Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you,
the Lord look kindly on you
and give you peace.

Brother Nathan-James, the Lord bless you.

Amen.

Minister May Christ receive you among his faithful servants.

Community As we receive you into our fellowship
and are united with you in bonds of the love
in this earthly life,
so may we, at the last, by mercy of God,
be joined together
with all his faithful people in heaven.

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Come follow me,
and I will make you fishers of people.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The Gospel

The Rev Jenny Thompson

A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to St Matthew,
Chapter 4 verses 18-22

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹⁸ As [Jesus] walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

The Sermon

Br Daniel SSF, *Minister General*

THE MAKING OF PROFESSION IN FIRST VOWS

The Presentation

Br Alfred BoonKong, *Minister Provincial*; Br Bruce-Paul,
Novice Guardian;

Novice Br Alfred BoonKong, I bring to you this novice, asking
Guardian you to admit him to profession in the First Order of the
Society of St Francis.

Minister My brothers, Br Nathan-James has been elected to
Provincial profession in first vows by the Chapter. Is it your will
that he should be now professed?

Community It is, thanks be to God.

The Declaration

Minister My brother, what do you ask?

Candidate I ask for God's blessing and to make my profession in
the First Order of the Society of St Francis, that I may
serve God in this community all my life, if it be his will
for me.

Minister Do you ask this of your own free will?

Candidate I do.

Minister Have you studied the Rule and considered what is
required of those who give themselves to God in
community and the meaning of the vows you are about
to take?

Candidate I have.

Minister Do you promise to be obedient to our Rule and those in
authority in our community?

Candidate I do, trusting in the help of God.

The Invocation

Minister Let us ask for the grace of the Holy Spirit for our
brother Nathan-James.

Minister Let us pray for our brother Nathan—James

Heavenly father,
you created all things and renewed them
in the mystery of your Son:
grant that our brother,
consecrated to your service
by water and the Holy Spirit
and who has resolved to share
more closely in your redeeming work
by following in the way
of our blessed father, Francis
may always rejoice in that new life
which is your creation in righteousness
and true holiness.

Lord Jesus Christ
you alone are the one
by whom we come to the Father:
strengthen our brother
in times of temptation and weakness
and help him to preserve
in the way of discipline and love.

Holy Spirit of God,
you inspire us with truth and love:
give to our brother
a love of the Gospel,
a readiness to obey your word,
a delight in your wisdom
and an acceptance of your providence;
may the blessing of your grace
encourage him to grow in truth,
and grant that,
being bound to you and united with
his brothers and sisters in love,
he may preserve in the vows he has made
and share in that eternal life
which is your gift to us.

Hymn *Praise to the Lord*

Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the King of Creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and
salvation.

Come all who hear,
brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who in all things is wondrously
reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting and sustaining:
have you not seen
all that is needed has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper our work and
defend us
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend us:
ponder anew
what the almighty can do
as with his love he befriends us.

Praise to the Lord, who when darkness of sin is
abounding,
who, when the godless do triumph, our best hopes
confounding,
sheds forth his light,
scatters the horrors of night,
saints with his mercy surrounding.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises
before him.

Let the Amen
sound from his people again:
gladly for ever adore him.

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Hymn *Veni, Creator Spiritus*

Come Holy Spirit, our souls inspire
and lighten with your heavenly fire:
you the anointing Spirit are,
on us your seven-fold gifts you pour.

Your blessed unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love;
enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight;

anoint and cheer our mortal face
with the abundance of your grace;
keep far our foes; give peace at home;
where you are guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son
and you with both to be but one,
that through the ages all along
this may be our endless song:
Praise to your eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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The Profession of Vows

Minister My brother
in baptism, by water and the Holy Spirit,
you were consecrated to God's service.
Now, by God's grace
and in response to his call,
are you resolved to strengthen
that commitment by the profession
of vows in this community?

Candidate I am, trusting in the help of Christ.

Minister Nathan-James, are you willing to live with your brothers and sisters in simplicity of life and openness of heart, sharing both material and spiritual gifts in detachment and without personal ownership, according to the spirit of Saint Francis and in the poverty of Christ?

Candidate I am, trusting in the help of Christ.

Minister Are you willing to give yourself in undivided love to Christ, in celibacy for the sake of the Kingdom of God and in his love for all, according to the spirit of Saint Francis and in the Chastity of Christ?

Candidate I am, trusting in the help of Christ.

Minister Are you willing to follow the will of God, whose service is perfect freedom, living in obedience with your brothers and sisters, in good days and bad, in suffering and joy, according to the spirit of Saint Francis and in the obedience of Christ?

Candidate I am, trusting in the help of Christ.

Community May almighty God, who has given you the will to undertake all these things, give you also the strength to perform them, that he may complete the work which he has begun in you.

Minister I now call upon you to make your profession.

Candidate I, brother Nathan-James here in the sight of the holy angels and in all the company of heaven, and in the presence of this congregation, dedicate myself to the service of our Lord Jesus Christ, within the First Order of the Society of St Francis, following the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience, and I now take upon me the three—fold vow, according to the Constitution of this community, God being my helper.

Minister Be faithful to Christ and God will bless you and give you eternal life.

The Giving of the Rope

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Our help is in the name of the Lord
Who made heaven and earth

Let us pray

Lord God,
who allowed your Son, our Redeemer,
to be bound by the hands of the sinful:
+ bless this rope
and grant that we your servants
may always be mindful of the bonds
of our Lord Jesus Christ
who came to set us free.
May Nathan—James preserve in the life
that he has now undertaken
and remember that he is bound
to live by your commandments;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen

Minister From now on, call nothing your own.
As you are bound to Christ,
so in him you are set free.

The Prayers and Blessing of the Professed

Minister Let us praise God