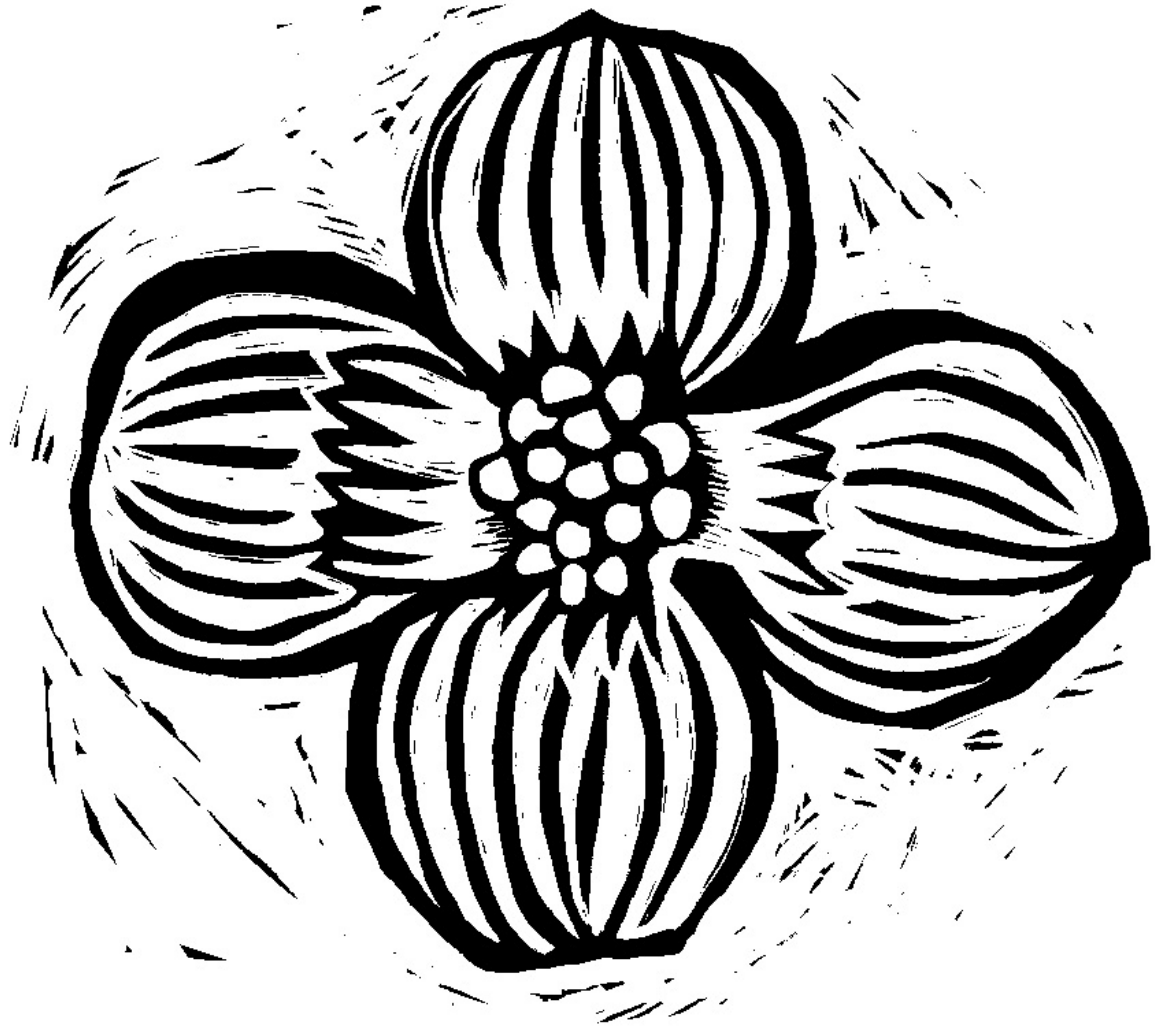


# The Episcopal Diocese of Iowa



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## Chrism Mass and Reaffirmation of Vows

Worship offered today by



The Episcopal  
Diocese of Iowa

Monday, April 6, 2020 11:00am

Good morning and welcome to our online diocesan service for Christ Mass and the Reaffirmation of Vows. We are so glad you are here. You are invited to say the responses and/or type them into the comments.

You are invited, before worship begins at 11:00am, to wash your hands with the following intention: We begin by washing, as we were washed in our baptism. We cleanse our hands as we were cleansed in the waters of new birth. We do this not because we are afraid, but because we were commanded to love, and to cleanse our hands, and gather in spirit, is how we love the vulnerable, whom Jesus loved. May we be instruments of love. May the sacrifices we make be for the good of our human family near and far.

Opening Voluntary

Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rt. Rev. Alan Scarfe

HYMN 680

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

The image shows the musical score for the hymn 'O God, Our Help in Ages Past'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains five lines of lyrics, and the second system contains five lines of lyrics. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a clear melody and accompaniment.

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;  
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;

1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pen - ing day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.

Title: O God, our help in ages past Meter: CM Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90  
Music: St. Anne, melody att. William Croft (1678-1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;  
*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

*The Celebrant may say*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.**

Lord, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

A reading from the book of Numbers

*Numbers 11:16-17*

So the Lord said to Moses, 'Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. I will come down and talk with you there; and I will take some of the spirit that is on you and put it on them; and they shall bear the burden of the people along with you so that you will not bear it all by yourself.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 36:5-11

*say together*

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? \*  
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, \*  
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, \*  
yet my heart shall not be afraid;

- 4 And though war should rise up against me, \*  
yet will I put my trust in him.
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD \*  
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; \*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head \*  
above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to the LORD.

A reading from Paul's letter to the Corinthians

*1 Corinthians 3: 5-11*

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*Deacon*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

*John 4: 31-38*

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already

receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

*Deacon*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

The Rt. Rev. Alan Scarfe

## **Litany for Ministry**

Let us pray to God, Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life, who is, who was and who is to come.  
For the mission of the Church of Christ throughout the world, we pray to you, O Lord  
**Lord, hear our prayer**

For all who practice apostolic ministries in the church and in the community, through farsighted leadership, teaching, and witness, we pray to you, O Lord  
**Lord, hear our prayer**

For our bishop, Alan, for Chris, and all bishops, we pray to you, O Lord  
**Lord, hear our prayer**

For all who practice presbyteral ministries in the church and in the community, through welcoming, gathering, blessing and reconciling people, we pray to you, O Lord  
**Lord, hear our prayer**

For presbyters in the Diocese of Iowa, and for all presbyters, we pray to you, O Lord  
**Lord, hear our prayer**

For all who practice diaconal ministries in the church and in the community, through serving, searching, delivering good news, and bringing the margins into the middle, we pray to you, O Lord  
**Lord, hear our prayer**

For deacons in the Diocese of Iowa and for all deacons, we pray to you O Lord  
**Lord, hear our prayer**

For peacekeepers, and peacemakers in the troubled areas of our world, our nation, our state and our neighborhoods, we pray to you, O Lord  
**Lord, hear our prayer**

For those who show us your face, the poor, the homeless, the oppressed and those in prison, we pray to you, O Lord  
**Lord, hear our prayer**

For those who in the midst of illness or suffering seek your grace, we pray to you, O Lord  
**Lord, hear our prayer**

With the blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Paul all the women and men who have lived for others, and  
all the faithful departed, we pray to you, O Lord  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Source of all good gifts, inspire us in our varied ministries, challenge us to make our prayer and  
action one, and strengthen us in our common calling as your baptized.  
**Amen.**

### **Reaffirmation of Vows**

*Celebrant* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus  
Christ?

*People* **I do.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread,  
and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

*The following is addressed to the clergy of the diocese*

Dear Friends: the ministry we share is none other than the ministry of Christ, who gave himself up to death on the cross for the salvation of the world. By his glorious resurrection he has opened for us the way of everlasting life. By the gift of the Holy Spirit he shares with us the riches of his grace.

The Church is called to proclaim his death and resurrection, to administer the Sacraments of the New Covenant which he sealed with his blood on the cross, and to care for his people in the power of the Spirit. As clergy, we are asked to exercise faithfully the ministries to which we have been called and ordained.

*Bishop* Do you here, in the presence of Christ and his Church, renew your commitment to your ministry, under the pastoral direction of your bishop?

*All Clergy* I do, in the power of the Spirit.

*Bishop* Do you reaffirm your promise to give yourself to prayer and study?

*All Clergy* I do, for the sake of God's people.

*Bishop* Do you reaffirm your promise to pattern your life in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to all people?

*All Clergy* I do, by the grace given me.

*The following is addressed to the Deacons:*

*Bishop* Do you reaffirm your promise to look for Christ in all others, being ready to help and serve those in need?

*Deacons* I do, in the power of the Spirit.

*Bishop* Do you reaffirm your promise, in all things, to seek not your glory but the glory of the Lord Christ?

*Deacons* I do, for the sake of God's people.

*The following is addressed to the Priests:*

*Bishop* Do you reaffirm your promise so to minister the Word of God and the Sacraments of the New Covenant that the reconciling love of Christ may be known and received?

*Priests* I do, in the power of the Spirit.

*Bishop* Do you reaffirm your promise to be a faithful pastor to all whom you are called to serve, laboring together with them and with your fellow ministers to build up the family of God?

*Priests* I do, by the grace given me.

*The Bishop then stands and makes this affirmation*

And now, as your bishop, I too, before God and you, re-dedicate myself and reaffirm the promises that I made when I was ordained. I ask your prayers.

*The People ask of their Bishop:*

*People* Do you reaffirm your promise to be faithful in prayer, and in the study of the Holy Scripture that you might enlighten the minds and stir up the conscience of your people?

*Bishop* I do, in the power of the Spirit.

*People* Do you reaffirm your promise to encourage and support your fellow presbyters and deacons and all baptized persons in their gifts and ministries, nourishing them from the riches of God's grace, praying for them and gathering all at the Holy Table?

*Bishop* I do, by the grace given me.

*People* Do you reaffirm your desire to show compassion to the poor and to strangers, to defend those who have no helper and to seek justice and wholeness for all of God's people?

*Bishop:* I do, for the sake of Christ Jesus.

*All pray:*

May the Lord who has given us the will to do these things, give us also the grace and power to perform them.

### **The Blessing of the Holy Oils**

*Facing the people, the Bishop addresses them in these or similar words*

Dear Friends in Christ: In the beginning, the Spirit of God hovered over the creation; and, throughout history, God, by the gift of the Holy Spirit, has empowered his people to serve him. As



a sign of that gift, the priests and kings of Israel were anointed with oil; and our Lord Jesus was himself anointed with the Holy Spirit as the Christ, God's own Messiah. At Baptism, Christians are likewise anointed by that same Spirit to empower them for God's service. Let us now set apart this oil to be the sign of that anointing. Let us pray.

*The Bishop places a hand on the chrism and prays*

Eternal Father, whose blessed Son was anointed by the Holy Spirit to be the Savior and servant of all, we pray you to consecrate this oil, that those who are sealed with it may share in the royal priesthood of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The Bishop then places a hand on the healing oil and prays*

O Lord, holy Father, giver of health and salvation: Send your Holy Spirit to sanctify this oil; that, as your holy apostles anointed many that were sick and healed them, so may those who in faith and repentance receive this holy unction be made whole; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### **Prayers of Intercession**

*adapted from the Church of England*

Let us pray to the Lord, who is our refuge and stronghold.

For the health and well-being of our nation, that all who are fearful and anxious may be at peace and free from worry: Lord, hear us, **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who are guiding our nation at this time, and shaping national policies, that they may make wise decisions: Lord, hear us, **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For doctors, nurses and medical researchers, that through their skill and insights many will be restored to health: Lord, hear us, **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the isolated and housebound, that we may be alert to their needs, and care for them in their vulnerability: Lord, hear us, **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For our homes and families, our schools and young people, and all in any kind of need or distress: Lord, hear us, **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For a blessing on our local community, that our neighborhoods may be places of trust and friendship, where all are known and cared for: Lord, hear us, **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the vulnerable and the fearful, for the gravely ill and the dying, that they may know your comfort and peace: Lord, hear us, **Lord, graciously hear us.**

The people are invited to name their own prayers, silently, aloud, or by typing them.

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God.  
Merciful Father,  
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

### The Peace

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

### HYMN 690

### Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,  
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,  
land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the treble staff of each system.

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -  
strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and  
songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
shield, be thou still my strength and shield.  
thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

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## Blessing

### Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
People Thanks be to God.

Join us online tomorrow morning for Morning Prayer at 8:30am offered by St. Alban's, Spirit Lake

### Liturgical participants:

Mr. Mark Babcock  
The Rev. Mark Eccles  
The Rev. Alice Haugen  
Mr. Charlie Ley Hayek  
The Very Rev. Hal Ley Hayek  
The Rev. Martha Kester  
The Rt. Rev. Alan Scarfe

