



BATHURST
DIOCESE
Anglican Church of Australia

ORDINATION

of

THE REV'D WALLY COX

BPsych. BTh.

and

THE REV'D ANDREW THORNHILL

BBus. MDiv.

by

THE RIGHT REVEREND MARK CALDER

Bishop of Bathurst

Saturday 10th July 2021 at 11am

ALL SAINTS CATHEDRAL, BATHURST

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Singing is not permitted.

ORDINANDS

Deacons

THE REV'D WALLY COX, and

THE REV'D ANDREW THORNHILL

are to be

ordained priests in the church of God

PROCESSION AT 11 AM

Clergy of the Diocese

Archdeacons

The Ordinands

Registrar

Dean

Bishop

The bishop welcomes and greets the congregation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Worthy is Jesus the Lamb, who was slain,

**to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honour and glory and praise!**

We remain standing to listen to this hymn and respond in our hearts with praise

Hymn: And can it be

And can it be, that I should gain
An interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That thou, my God,
shouldst die for me?

He left his Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite his grace,
Emptied himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race:
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray
I woke; the dungeon flamed with light!
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee!

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

C Wesley 1738

The bishop

Let us pray

Almighty God, giver of all that is good, you have appointed various orders of ministry in your church: bless deacons Wally Cox and Andrew Thornhill now called to the order of priests. So fill them with your truth and clothe them with holiness, that they may faithfully minister to the glory of your name and the benefit of your church. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Exhortation, confession and assurance

The Dean

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Revelation 5:12

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 1 John 4:10

Open our lips O Lord
and we shall declare your praise

The Lord is compassionate and gracious:
slow to anger and abounding in love

Friends in Christ, we come together to meet with God,
and to take our part in the building up of his Church.
We will lift up our hearts in thanks and praise,
hear from God's holy word,
and pray for this world, and for ourselves.
Today we set apart Wally and Andrew to serve as priests in the church of God.
We will explore from God's word, the nature of the ministry to which they are called.

The Bible tells us to approach God confidently, through our Lord Jesus Christ. As we do so, we must confess our sins, seeking forgiveness through God's boundless goodness and mercy.

So let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence, and pray together,

Please be seated as we pray

**God of all mercy, we humbly admit that we need your help.
We have wandered from your way.
We have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and have failed to do what is right.
You alone can save us. Have mercy on us,
wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others.
Bring forth in us the fruit of your Spirit
that we may live the new life to your glory.
This we ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.**

The bishop

God desires that none should perish, but that all should turn to Christ, and live. In response to his call, we acknowledge our sins. God pardons those who humbly repent, and truly believe the gospel. Therefore, we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Please stand

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous
sing, all you who are upright in heart!

See Psalm 32

We remain standing to listen to this hymn and respond in our hearts with praise

Hymn: Only a holy God

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only my Holy God

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Hearing God's Word

The Dean

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your word which is able to make us wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. Through your word read and explained, please teach us, rebuke us, correct us and train us in righteousness, so that we will be thoroughly equipped for every good work; for Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

Please be seated

Psalms 103:1-12 – read by Dr Jordon Cox

Praise the LORD, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
² Praise the LORD, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits—
³ who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases,
⁴ who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion,
⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
⁶ The LORD works righteousness
and justice for all the oppressed.

⁷ He made known his ways to Moses,
his deeds to the people of Israel:

⁸ The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

⁹ He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbour his anger forever;

¹⁰ he does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;

¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

1 Corinthians 4:1-2 and 8-17 – read by Mrs Kath Thornhill

⁴ This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed. ² Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.

⁸ Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich! You have begun to reign—and that without us! How I wish that you really had begun to reign so that we also might reign with you! ⁹ For it seems to me that God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession, like those condemned to die in the arena. We have been made a spectacle to the whole universe, to angels as well as to human beings. ¹⁰ We are fools for Christ, but you are so wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are honoured, we are dishonoured! ¹¹ To this very hour we go hungry and thirsty, we are in rags, we are brutally treated, we are homeless. ¹² We work hard with our own hands. When we are cursed, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure it; ¹³ when we are slandered, we answer kindly. We have become the scum of the earth, the garbage of the world—right up to this moment.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Please stand as we confirm together the truths we hold as precious and trustworthy

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. 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. Amen.

WHO ARE YOU?

Sermon – Bishop Mark Calder

Godly leaders:

1. Are only servants
2. ...who take up their cross

A time of quiet follows

Ordination

Introduction

The Ministry Development officer, Canon Tim Fogo, and the ordination panel, present the candidates to the bishop, who stand in their place.

Bishop, we present to you these deacons, Wally Cox and Andrew Thornhill, to be ordained priest.

The bishop replies

Can you assure us that they are suited by their learning and godly living to minister as priests in the household of Christ?

The Ministry Development Officer

They have been examined. Enquiries have been made among the people of God, especially among those concerned with their preparation, and we believe that these candidates are fit for this office.

The bishop addresses the congregation

Dear friends in Christ, you know the importance of this office. We have been assured that these deacons are suited to this ministry. If however, any of you know an adequate reason why we should not proceed, come forward and make it known.

The ordination panel may be seated.

The Examination for the order of Priest

The bishop instructs the candidates

Our Lord Jesus Christ summons us all to obedience and discipleship. In baptism we are called to be a royal priesthood, a people belonging to God, to make Christ known in all the world.

Now you are responding to the call of God and of the Church to live and work as a priest, a pastor and teacher, for God's glory and the strengthening of God's people.

You know the responsibility and significance of this office.

I now exhort you, in the name of Christ, to take up your calling with joy and dedication. As the Lord's messenger, proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. Seek the lost, announce God's justice, warn and correct those in error.

You are to encourage and build up the body of Christ, preaching the word of God, leading God's people in prayer, declaring God's forgiveness and blessing, and faithfully ministering the sacraments of God's grace with reverence and care.

Together with your bishop and other ministers, you are to take your part in the life and councils of the Church.

Be a pastor after the pattern of Christ the great Shepherd, who laid down his life for the sheep. Be a teacher taught by the Lord in wisdom and holiness.

Lead the people of God as a servant of Christ.

Love and serve the people with whom you work, caring alike for young and old, rich and poor, weak and strong.

Never forget how great a treasure is placed in your care: the Church you must serve is Christ's spouse and body, purchased at the cost of his own life.

Remember that you will be called to give account before Jesus Christ: if it should come about that the Church, or any of its members, is hurt or hindered as a result of your negligence, you know the greatness of the fault and the judgement that will follow. Therefore apply yourself with diligence and care, and fashion your life and ministry in accordance with Christ's example.

As you depend on the Holy Spirit and the grace of God, put away all that does not make for holiness of life. Clothe yourself with humility; be constant in prayer. Study the Scriptures wholeheartedly, reflecting with God's people upon their meaning, so that your ministry and life may be shaped by Christ. We have every confidence that you have already pondered these things deeply.

And now, in order that this congregation may understand your intention, and so that your public profession may strengthen your resolve, answer clearly these questions, which we ask you in the name of God and of the Church.

The candidates stand, the bishop asking this first question individually

Wally/Andrew - Do you believe that you are truly called to this order and ministry of a priest, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ and the order of this Anglican Church of Australia?

Answer I believe I am called to this ministry.

Are you convinced that the holy Scriptures contain all doctrine necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, and are you determined to instruct from these Scriptures the people committed to your care, teaching nothing as essential to salvation which cannot be demonstrated from the Scriptures?

Answer I am convinced, and will do so by God's grace.

Will you be diligent in prayer, and in the study of the holy Scriptures?

Answer I will, by God's grace

Will you undertake such other studies as will help you in your ministry?

Answer I will, by God's grace

Will you constantly stir up the gift of God which is in you, so that you may proclaim the gospel of Christ?

Answer I will, by God's grace

Will you faithfully and humbly minister the doctrine, sacraments and discipline of Christ, as he has commanded and as this Church has received them?

Answer I will, by God's grace

Will you be ready, both in your public and private ministry, to oppose and set aside teaching that is contrary to God's word?

Answer I will, by God's grace

Will you be a faithful pastor to all whom you are called to serve and lead, striving together with them to build up the body of Christ in truth and love, in unity and peace?

Answer I will, by God's grace

Will you encourage and enable those committed to your care to fulfil their ministry and mission in the world?

Answer I will, by God's grace

Will you obey your bishop and other ministers given authority over you, gladly and willingly following their godly and lawful directions?

Answer I will, by God's grace

The bishop concludes

May God who has given you the will to do these things give you the grace and power to perform them. **Amen.**

The bishop says to the congregation

You have heard Wally and Andrew respond to God's call to love and serve him as priests.

Will you accept them as priests in the Church of God?

The people reply

Answer **We accept them gladly!**

Will you support and encourage them in this ministry?

Answer **We will, by God's grace.**

The bishop commends Wally and Andrew to the prayers of the congregation and silence is kept for a time.

Archdeacon Joy Harris

Gracious Lord, lead the members of your church in their particular vocation and ministry to serve you through a true and godly life.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Raise up faithful and able ministers in your church, that the gospel may be made known to all people.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Inspire all bishops, priests, and deacons with your love, that they may hunger for truth, and thirst after righteousness.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill them with compassion and move them to care for all your people.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bless your servants now to be ordained priest and pour your grace upon them, that they may faithfully fulfil the duties of this ministry, build up your church and glorify your name.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Sustain by the indwelling of your Holy Spirit those who have been called to the ministry of your church and encourage them to persevere to the end.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Please remain seated, using this song to pray that these truths may mark Wally and Andrew's ministries

Hymn: Yet not I, but through Christ in me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and
freedom

My steadfast love
my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine
I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won
and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released
I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete
still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
repeat

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Yet not I but through Christ in me
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The Laying on of hands

The candidates stand and the bishop prays:

Blessed are you, Lord our God! You have given us your only Son to be the Apostle and High Priest of our faith, and the Shepherd of our souls. Exalted as Lord of all, he poured out the Spirit and gave gifts to your people, making some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, and to build up the body of Christ.

And now we give you thanks that you have called these your servants to the ministry of priests in your Church.

Each candidate in turn, moves forward and kneels before the bishop

The priests present come forward and lay their hands on the head of the ordinands in turn, as Bishop Calder prays,

Send down the Holy Spirit upon your servant Wally/Andrew, whom we set apart by the laying on of our hands, for the office and work of a priest in your Church.

Amen.

When hands have been laid on those who are to be ordained priest, the bishop continues

Grant to these your servants, merciful God, grace and power to fulfil their ministry: to proclaim the gospel of salvation through word and sacrament, to declare the forgiveness of sins, and to watch over and care for the people committed to his charge.

As you have called them to your service, make them worthy of your calling. Accept our prayer through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit belong glory and honour, worship and praise, now and forever.

Amen.

The bishop delivers to the candidate a copy of the Holy Scriptures, saying

Take authority to preach the word of God, and to minister the holy sacraments in the congregations where you are appointed. Whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; whose sins you retain, they are retained. Be a faithful minister of the word of God and of his holy sacraments.

The bishop presents the newly ordained priests to the congregation saying

Brothers and sisters in Christ, I present to you the Rev'd Wally Cox and the Rev'd Andrew Thornhill who have been ordained priest in the Church of God.

Prayer for Wally and Andrew and their families and for the work of the gospel.

Prayer for Andrew and Wally *Archdeacon Grahame Yager*

Lord, pour your grace continually on Wally and Andrew and stir up the spirit of humility within them. May they see themselves first of all, as your servants and fellow workers. May they take up their cross and be willing to bear the sacrifices and suffering that will be involved in priestly leadership. May their life and teaching so mirror the truth of the Lord Jesus, that their people imitate them, even as they imitate Christ. As your Son came not to be served but to serve, so may *they* humbly serve, and by your grace, may we see gospel fruit from their service for your glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prayer their families *Mrs Lisa Milton*

Father in heaven, we pray for Jordon Cox and Kath Thornhill. Strengthen them, as along with their children, they support Wally and Andrew and share in their ministry. As Wally and Andrew juggle many opportunities, please give their families grace to be a support and encouragement. Fill them with all joy and peace in believing, through him who knows our every need - Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for our Diocese *The Registrar, Mrs Karen Trafford*

Our heavenly Father, we thank you for our Diocese and the joy of serving you across central and western NSW. We especially thank you for raising up Wally and Andrew as new ministers to serve you among us. Please send many more laborers into your harvest field. Fill all of us with the fruit of your Spirit, so that we may live in joyful obedience, share your Good News by word and deed, and see Christ honoured in every community as Lord and Saviour. **Amen.**

Prayer for the spread of the gospel around the world *The Rev'd Bob Cameron*

We praise you, Lord of all, for the gifts of Christ our ascended king: for apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. Hear our prayer for all who do not know your love and have not heard the gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Send out your light and truth through the messengers of your word. Please soften hard hearts and open blind eyes so that people may see Jesus clearly and receive the generous offer to come to him for forgiveness and new life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to 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 forever.

Amen.

We stand to listen to this song and take the words upon our heart

Hymn: Come behold the wondrous mystery

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity

In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin

See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory

See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord; He is alive!

What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when he comes

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Matt Boswell, Michael Bleecker, Matt Papa 2013

The bishop pronounces the Benediction

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; and may the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and 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.**

RECESSION

*Clergy
Archdeacons
Wally Cox and family
Andrew Thornhill and family
Registrar
Dean
Bishop*

Thank you for being part of this service and supporting Wally and Andrew today.

Photos will be taken outside the Cathedral.

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