Ordination to the Order of Deacon of

Katy Keese Lambert

by

The Rt Rev'd Dr Matt Brain Bishop of Bendigo

11.00 am Saturday, 27 November 2021 St Paul's Cathedral

Feast of St Andrew

Order of Procession

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Choir

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Presenters

Katy Lambert

Deacon – The Rev'd Andrew Howe

The Archdeacons

The Dean/Vicar General

The Bishop of Bendigo

Gathering in God's Name

As the procession enters, please stand and join in singing

Hymn

God grant your people growth in grace, in worshipping to take our place, alleluia, alleluia. For faithful ministry to call deacons, priests, bishops, people all, O praising, alleluia Christ saving, alleluia, Alleluia.

Send peace to reconcile to you, raise up your people so to do, alleluia, alleluia. Forgiving one another so, your love poured out for all to know, O praising, alleluia, true living, alleluia, Alleluia.

Fill with compassion, clothe with care, amongst your people everywhere, alleluia, alleluia. Serving, proclaiming in plain sight, help bring your gospel further light. praising, alleluia life-giving, alleluia Alleluia.

Creating God we sing your praise, redeeming Lord of endless gaze, alleluia, alleluia. Sustaining Spirit giving choice, helping for us to find our voice O praising, alleluia, without ending, alleluia Alleluia. Acknowledgment of the original custodians of country.

Bishop Matt welcomes and greets the people.

Bishop Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

> The Lord be with you. And also with you.

The Deacon reads the Sentence for the day:

Andrew found his brother, told him, 'We have found the Messiah!', and then brought Simon to Jesus.

John 1: 41-42

Reaffirming the Ministry of All Baptised Persons

Bishop	Before we proceed to ordain Katy for her ministry as a deacon in the church of God, and commission Andrew and Fiona for their new ministry, I remind you that all baptised persons are called to share in Christ's ministry.
	l invite you to reaffirm your commitment to that ministry to which each of you have been called. Those who are baptised are called to worship and serve God.
	From the beginning, believers have continued in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread and in the prayers.
	Will you recommit yourself to this life?
All	l will, with God's help.
Bishop	Will you forgive others as you are forgiven?
All	l will, with God's help.
Bishop	Will you seek to love your neighbour as yourself, and strive for peace and justice?
All	l will, with God's help.
Bishop	Will you accept the cost of following Christ?
All	l will, with God's help.

Bishop With the whole Church, will you proclaim, where you live and where you work, by word and deed, the Good News of God in Christ?

All I will, with God's help.

The people sit.

The Commissioning of MinisTree

The Rev'ds Fiona Preston and Andrew Howe stand. Dean Elizabeth addresses them:

Dean God calls each of us to use the gifts he gives us to serve others. We ask you to declare, before God and this congregation, that you each accept the responsibility of the role as Community Chaplain with MinisTree.

> As a servant among God's people, will you promise: To be consistent in your own personal life and witness?

- A & F Yes, by the grace of God.
- Dean To be faithful to the gospel of Jesus Christ and conscientious in your preparation for each day?
- A & F Yes, by the grace of God.
- Dean To care for the wider community of Bendigo, and for each individual, showing your commitment to them by prayer and loving action?
- A & F Yes, by the grace of God.
- Dean To be regular in prayer, bible study and worship with the congregation of the church?
- A & F Yes, by the grace of God.

The Rev'ds Fiona and Andrew pray

Lord Jesus, I believe that you have called me into ministry in this place. Help me to remember the importance of the work that you have given me to do. Help me to remember that I am part of your body here and it is only together that we are made complete. Help me to play my part in the life and work of the whole church. When I am tempted to neglect my preparation, to be irritated with others, or to stop praying, help me to remember that something of the future of The Kingdom is in my hands. **Amen.**

To the diocesan community:

Dean	It is our responsibility as a church to pray that God, by His Holy Spirit, will give Fiona and Andrew the wisdom, discernment, love and care that they will need to be Community Chaplains. So let us thank God for them and their willingness to serve in our community.
Dean	Will you remember Fiona and Andrew regularly in your prayers?
All	Yes, with Jesus to help us.
Dean	Will you supporting them in the tasks they undertake?
All	Yes, with Jesus to help us.
Dean	Will you try to encourage and support them,
	and value their gifts and ministry?
All	Yes, with Jesus to help us.

We pray together

We thank you, heavenly Father, for Reverend Fiona and Reverend Andrew. Help us as a church to work together to follow Jesus, to worship you faithfully and to share your love with others. Help us as church to be generous with the gifts, talents and abilities you have given, that your Kingdom may grow in our community, in our lifetime. Amen.

The Presentation

Presenters	Matt, bishop in the Church of God, we present to you Katy Keese Lambert to be ordained deacon in the Church of God.
Bishop	Can you assure us that Katy is suited by her learning and godly living to minister as a deacon in the household of Christ, to the glory of God?
Board of Ministry	She has been examined. Enquiries have been made among the people of God, especially among those concerned with her preparation, and we believe that Katy is fit for this office.
Bishop	Dear friends in Christ, you know the importance of this office. We have been assured that Katy is suited to this ministry. If, however, any of you know an adequate reason why we should not proceed, come forward and make it known.
	Silence is kept
Deacon All	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.
Deacon	Let us affirm our trust in God's mercy, and confess that we need forgiveness.
	A pause for reflection
	Lord God, you created this world, and made us in your own image. Forgive us when we turn away from you.
	Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
	Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death. Rescue us from slavery to sin.
	Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord God, by your Spirit, you restore us to fellowship with you and with one another. Breathe your love and freedom into our lives. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.** 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.

All **Amen.**

Bishop

The choir and congregation sing together

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

Bishop Let us pray.

The community prays silently

Generous God, giver of all that is good, by your Holy Spirit you have appointed various orders of ministry in your Church. Bless Katy now called to the order of deacons. So fill her with your truth, and clothe her with holiness, that she may faithfully minister to the glory of your name and the benefit of your Church. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen**.

Everliving God, whose apostle Andrew heard the call of your Son and followed, bringing his brother with him: inspire us, like him, to offer ourselves readily for your service and to tell others the good news of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

Reading: Romans 10: 8 – 18

read by Emily Maroun

When the Reading has concluded For the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual hymn

Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord, to thee Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee

Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my king Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee Take my silver and my gold not a might would I withhold Take my intellect and use every power as you choose

Here am I, all of me Take my life, it's all for thee

Take my will and make it Thine it shall be no longer mine Take my heart it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne Take my love, my Lord I pour at your feet its treasure store Take myself and I will be ever, only all for thee Take myself and I will be ever, only all for thee

Here am I, all of me Take my life, It's all for thee Here am I, all of me Take my life, It's all for thee Here am I, all of me Take my life, It's all for thee

Take my life, Lord take my life, take all of me

Here am I, all of me Take my life, It's all for thee

Songwriters: Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio

Deacon The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, chapter 4, verses 18 to 22 Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

> When the Gospel Reading has concluded For the Gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev'd Canon Heather Marten

When the Sermon is concluded, after a pause all stand for the Nicene Creed.

Deacon Let us together affirm the faith of the Church.

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers

The Bishop commends Katy to the prayers of the congregation, saying

Bishop Let us pray for Katy, now to be ordained deacon.

After a period of silence, the Litany for Ministry follows, led by the Very Reverend Elizabeth Dyke, Dean of Bendigo and Vicar General.

Dean	God the Father,	have mercy on us.
	God the Son,	have mercy on us.
	God the Holy Spirit,	have mercy on us.
	Holy Trinity, one God,	have mercy on us.
	We humbly pray that you w Grant to your people the fo growth in grace, and the fro Lord, hear our prayer.	orgiveness of sins,
	Send your peace to the wor yourself by the ministry of y Lord, hear our prayer.	rld which you have reconciled to your Son Jesus.
	Heal the divisions of your C	hurch that all may be one

Heal the divisions of your Church, that all may be one, so that the world may believe. Lord, hear our prayer. Lead the members of your Church in their vocation and ministry, that they may serve you in true and godly living. Lord, hear our prayer.

Raise up faithful and able ministers for your Church, that the gospel may be known to all people.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

Inspire all bishops, priests and deacons with your love, that with all your people they may hunger for truth, Lord, hear our prayer.

Bless your servant Katy, who is to be admitted to the order of deacons. Pour your grace upon her, that she 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 all who are called to the ordained ministries of your Church, and encourage them to persevere to the end.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Gather us with all your saints into your eternal kingdom.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Eternal God and Father, you have promised to hear those who pray in the name of your Son. Grant that what we have asked in faith we may obtain according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Exhortation and Examination

Katy Lambert stands before the Bishop, and the people sit.

Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ Bishop lived and died as the servant of God. All who follow him are called to serve God in the world, setting forward Christ's kingdom through the power of the Spirit. Now Christ has called you, Katy, to the office of deacon. You are to be an ambassador of Christ, serving God as you serve others in Jesus' name. Proclaim the good news of God's love, so that many may be moved to faith and repentance, and hearts be opened to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly in the presence of God. Let the transforming love of Jesus be known to all among whom you live and work. Strengthen the faithful, teach the young, search out the careless and indifferent. Encourage the members of Christ's body by word and example, ministering among the sick, the needy and all who are oppressed or in trouble. Together with your bishop, priest and people, you are to take your place in public worship, assist in the administration of the sacraments, and play your part in the life and councils of the Church. You are to preach the word of God in the place to which you are licensed, and to pray and work for peace and justice in the world. As a deacon, you are to model your life according to the Word of God. Study the scriptures, reflecting with God's people upon their meaning, that all may be equipped to live out God's truth in the world. Put away all that does not make for holiness of life.

	Be faithful in prayer, that you may have strength to run
	the race that is set before you.
	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 I ask you in the name of God and of the Church.
Bishop Katy	Katy Keese Lambert, do you believe that you are truly called to this order and ministry of deacons, being moved by the Holy Spirit to serve God and build up his people, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ and the order of this Anglican Church of Australia? I do believe I am called to this ministry.
Bishop	Do you wholeheartedly accept the canonical Scriptures of the Old
ылор	and New Testaments, as given by the Spirit to convey in many and varied ways the revelation of God which is fulfilled in our Lord Jesus Christ?
Katy	I do accept them.
Bishop	Will you take your part in reading the holy Scriptures in the church, in teaching the doctrine of Christ, and in assisting the priest to teach the doctrine of Christ and administer the sacraments?
Katy	I will, by God's grace.
Bishop	Will you be diligent in prayer, and in the study of the holy Scriptures? Will you undertake such other studies as will help you in your ministry?
Katy	I will, by God's grace.
Bishop	Will you strive to shape your own life, and that of your household, according to the way of Christ?
Katy	I will, by God's grace.

Bishop Katy	Will you constantly seek the help of the Holy Spirit to use and develop God's gifts to you, so that you may serve all by word and deed? I will, by God's grace.
Katy Bishop Katy	Will you promote unity, peace and love among all Christian people, especially among those with whom you serve God, encouraging and enabling them to fulfil their ministries? I will, by God's grace.
Bishop Katy	Will you seek to set forward Christ's kingdom in the world, working for reconciliation, peace and justice? I will, by God's grace.
Bishop Katy	Will you accept the order and discipline of the Anglican Church of Australia, submitting yourself to the lawful authority of your bishop and others set over you in the Church? I will, by God's grace.
Bishop	May God who has given you the will to do these things give you the grace and power to perform them.
All	Amen.
The Bishop says to the congregation	
Bishop	You have heard Katy respond to God's call. Will you accept her

- as a deacon in the Church of God?
- All We accept Katy gladly!
- Bishop Will you support and encourage her in this ministry?
- All We will, by God's grace.

A hymn invoking the Holy Spirit is sung, all kneeling.

Hymn of the Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, Lord of grace, eternal fount of love: inflame, we pray, our inmost hearts with fire from heaven above.

As you in bonds of love unite the Father and the Son, so fill us all with mutual love and knit our hearts in one.

Charles Coffin 1676-1749 translated John Chandler 1806-76 alt. Together in Song 403

The Laying on of Hands

Katy kneels before Bishop Matt, who says

Bishop Blessed are you, Lord our God!
In your infinite love you set us free
to be a holy people in the kingdom of your Son.
Though he was rich, for our sake Christ became poor.
Taking the form of a servant, he humbled himself,
and gave his life a ransom for many.
Exalted as Lord of all,
he poured out the gifts of the Spirit,
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
this your servant Katy Keese
to the ministry of deacons in your Church.

The bishop lays hands on the head of Katy, and says

Send down the Holy Spirit upon your servant Katy Keese, whom we set apart by the laying on of our hands, for the office and work of a deacon in your Church.

The bishop continues

Grant to your servant, merciful God, grace and power to proclaim the gospel of salvation. May she be patient and loving, strong and steadfast. As you have called Katy to your service, make her worthy of her calling. Accept our prayer though Jesus Christ our Lord, who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen**.

The Reverend Katy Lambert is appropriately vested.

The Bishop delivers to her a copy of the New Testament, saying

Bishop Katy, take authority to exercise the office and ministry of a deacon in the Church of God, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

All **Amen**.

The Greeting of Peace

The Bishop presents the newly ordained deacon to the congregation.

Bishop Brothers and sisters in Christ, I present to you the Reverend Katy Lambert, who has been ordained deacon in the Church of God.

The people may respond with applause.

The Bishop gives the Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ. His Spirit is with us.

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

The people greet one another.

The Holy Communion

Bishop The Lord be with you. And also with 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.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth. We give you thanks and praise for your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. He taught your word with boldness, and offered himself to you in perfect obedience. He cared for all as the good shepherd, and laid down his life for his sheep. By his death and rising to new life he brought new life to your people. In baptism you have united us to him, and brought us out of darkness to light. And now we give you thanks that in fulfilment of your promise you pour out your Spirit upon us, filling us with your gifts and leading us into all truth. You give us power to proclaim your gospel to all nations,

and to serve you as a royal priesthood.

You call out those who will serve you as deacons,

and commission them for the service of others,

that the pattern of Christ's rule may be seen among us.

Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All	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.
Bishop	Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.
	On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'
	After supper, he took the cup, and again giving thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'
	Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.
All	Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Bishop	Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:
All	Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.
Bishop	As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray
All	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. 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.

The Breaking of the Bread and the Communion

Bishop 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.
The gifts of God for the people of God.
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 with thanksgiving.

The Holy Communion is administered.

The Sending out of God's People

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "Father, sanctify them in the truth -Deacon your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so have I sent them into the world." John 17:17-18 Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us Bishop with the body and blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up faithful servants for the ministry of your word and sacraments. May Katy be a godly example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life, that she may faithfully fulfil her ministry. May your word spoken through her never fail. Make us, with her, faithful witnesses of the Lord Jesus and his resurrection, that at his coming we may go out with great joy to meet him, and be found worthy to worship you with all your saints for ever. Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice All through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit

to live and work to your praise and glory.

The Notices

The **Blessing**

Go forth into the world in peace; Bishop be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; give honour to all; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; 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. Deacon In the name of Christ. Amen.

Recessional Hymn

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice; tender to me the promise of his word; in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name! Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done; his mercy sure, from age to age the same; his holy name - the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might! Powers and dominions lay their glory by. Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight, the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word! Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord to children's children and for evermore!

> -Timothy Dudley-Smith 1926 Based on Luke 1:46-55 in The New English Bible, TIS 161

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About the Ordinand

Katy grew up on the beautiful South Coast of New South Wales, the youngest of four siblings and daughter of an Anglican priest and an early childhood teacher. Throughout school, Katy was active in her local ecumenical youth group, leading small groups, lunchtime prayer meetings and outreach events. Katy moved to Canberra to complete her undergraduate degree in Development Studies and Political Science. During her studies she was a part of a "fresh expressions" Anglican church, and an outreach ministry in a local high school.

After a short dabble working in policy and politics, she began working with refugees and asylum seekers. Alongside her employment Katy established a youth group and organised the occasional 24-hour prayer event. Katy's love for Jesus and justice led her to devote 6 months in a house of prayer in the USA as a Nightwatch (midnight to 6am) Intercessory Missionary. Following a short return to Australia, she offered herself to the work of International Justice Mission to end violence against the poor. She re-packed her bags and headed to Ghana for 12 months to help a local team end forced child labour on Volta Lake. Through these years, Katy worshipped and served alongside brothers and sisters in Christ from a range of different cultures and denominations and tried to embrace what the diversity had to offer her knowledge and experience of God and his kingdom.

Katy's experience and skills soon led her to West Yorkshire in England, where she lived for three years prior to moving to Bendigo. There she worked with refugees, studied theology, served in the local CoE church in prayer, outreach, and discipleship ministries, and established a Community Support Team when COVID-19 hit. By the grace of God, Katy hopes to continue to offer herself in service of God and his people, to see God's kingdom come in every community on earth, with young and old living life in the fullness of God's love, and together growing in the knowledge and experience of who He is.



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