



**Holy Hour to Launch Stage 4  
of Hope in the Future**  
'Proclaiming the Good News'  
Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021, 3:00pm

*The following is offered as a suggested structure for a Holy Hour to launch Stage 4 of Hope in the Future. Parishes may wish to adapt these resources to suit local needs and resources. Parishes may wish to invite families and school communities to contribute to this time of prayer. The suggested time for the Holy Hour is 3:00pm, however you may prefer a different time or choose to launch Stage 4 as part of the weekend Masses by using some of the elements below, for example, the reflections, prayers, specific intercessions, and the commissioning service.*

## **Introduction**

As we gather today, let us listen to the invitation from Pope Francis to enter into a closer relationship with Christ.

I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since “no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord” (*Evangelii Gaudium* 3)

## **Hymn during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

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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?

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.

## **Period of silence, prayer, and reflection**

## Hope in the Future Prayer

God our loving Father, we thank you, for blessing our parishes with all that we need, to respond to our vocation to be missionary communities in our localities. We thank you for all our parish members who, in response to your call, give of themselves so freely to enrich our parish life in the ways of love and service. We ask you now to pour out afresh the gifts of your Spirit upon each one of us that we may be inspired to serve you in new and creative ways as missionary disciples, bringing your Light to the world. We ask your blessing upon us as we journey together in hope, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

## Hope in the Future Anthem

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*Recording with vocals*

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*Backing Track*

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*Sheet Music* - [www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Hope-in-The-Future-Anthem.pdf](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Hope-in-The-Future-Anthem.pdf)

*Chords* - [www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/HITF-Anthem-Chords.pdf](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/HITF-Anthem-Chords.pdf)

Show us, lead us, ignite in us a flame  
Take us on a journey, help us surrender to your name  
And stay with us Lord as we commit to your call  
With faith renewed and gratitude.  
May your light burn in our souls  
And lead us to deep trust in you.

Your blessing on us we do seek  
Let not our hearts and minds grow weak  
Instead, evangelise and speak news of our glory and salvation  
Let it spread to all the nations  
Shining out from deep within.

Holy Spirit Come. May our hearts be one.

## Prayer of thanksgiving for volunteers

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the generosity of our volunteers who have kept our churches open and safe during these challenging times.  
Fill them anew with your Holy Spirit so they can continue to serve you and your Church as your Missionary Disciples and Ambassadors. May all who encounter them, encounter you in their welcome, love and service.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord,  
Amen.

## Period of silence, prayer, and reflection

## Scripture

*John 20:19-22*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said, Receive the Holy Spirit.

Alternative Scripture:

- Matthew 28:16-20, *Go, make disciples of all the nations*
- Mark 6:7-13, *He began to send them out*
- 1 Samuel 3:1-21, *God calls Samuel*

## Hymn

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God's Spirit is in my heart,  
He has called me and set me apart.  
This is what I have to do,  
what I have to do.

*He sent me to give the Good News to the poor,  
Tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more,  
Tell blind people that they can see,  
And set the downtrodden free  
And go tell everyone the news that the Kingdom of God has come,  
And go tell everyone the news that the Kingdom of God has come.*

Just as the Father sent me,  
So I'm sending you out to be  
My witnesses throughout the world,  
The whole of the world.

Don't worry what you have to say,  
Don't worry because on that day  
God's Spirit will speak in your heart,  
Will speak in your heart.

## Reflections

Let us reflect on recent Church documents on the Mission of the Church and ask Jesus to send his Holy Spirit to give us a passion for sharing his Good News with others:

**Evangelising is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. She exists in order to evangelise (EN14)**

- *Is evangelisation a priority in my life and parish?*

**In virtue of their baptism, all the members of the People of God have become missionary disciples. All the baptised, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the faith, are agents of evangelisation. (EG 20)**

- *Do I see myself as a Missionary Disciple and ambassador for Jesus?*

**I dream of a “missionary option”, that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church’s customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelization of today’s world rather than for her self-preservation. (EG 27)**

- *Am I excited by Pope Francis’ vision for the Church?*

**We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being. Here we find the source and inspiration of all our efforts at evangelization. For if we have received the love which restores meaning to our lives, how can we fail to share that love with others? (EG 8)**

- *What difference has Faith made in my life? What is stopping me from sharing it with others?*

**It must be said that the Holy Spirit is the principal agent of evangelization: it is he who impels each individual to proclaim the Gospel, and it is he who in the depth of consciences causes the word of salvation to be accepted and understood (EN 75)**

- *Am I truly open to the Holy Spirit working through me?*

**There is nothing more beautiful than to be surprised by the Gospel, by the encounter with Christ. There is nothing more beautiful than to know Him and to speak to others of our friendship with Him. (Pope Benedict)**

- *Lord, who do you want me to share you with today?*

## Period of silence, prayer, and reflection

## Intercessions

Priest

Inspired by the Mission of St Francis of Assisi, we bring before God our requests.

Reader

We pray for this next Stage of Hope in the Future, that the Holy Spirit will guide and anoint all that we do so that we can proclaim the Good News of Jesus to all around us.

Lord in Your mercy,  
**R/ Hear our prayer**

We pray for all those who have contact with our parishes through our schools, baptisms, weddings, funerals, Christmas and Easter Liturgies and Sacramental Programmes. May they encounter the Risen Jesus.

Lord in Your mercy,  
**R/ Hear our prayer**

We pray that we may truly be Missionary Disciples. May we be prepared to be outward facing, joyful, courageous ambassadors of Christ bringing his Good News to those around us.

Lord in Your mercy,  
**R/ Hear our prayer**

## Commissioning of Missionary Disciples

Priest

Brothers and Sisters, in this next stage of our journey, we are called to Proclaim the Good News to those around us in word and deed. If you are ready to step into this future with hope, I invite you to profess your commitment.

Lord Jesus, you said, 'I must proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom of God: this is what I was sent to do'.

As the Church, and as Your Missionary Disciples, we say...

**R/ We must proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom of God: this is what we were sent to do.**

Priest

Lord Jesus, at Pentecost, you sent us the promised Holy Spirit to empower us for this Mission to be your witnesses in the World.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love...

**R/ Send forth your Spirit and You shall renew the face of the earth.**

Priest

The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms. Now is the time to say to Jesus:

**R/ Here I am once more, to renew my covenant with you. I need you. Save me once again, Lord, take me once more into your redeeming embrace.**

Priest

Loving Father, you so loved the world that you sent us your only Son,  
that we might believe in him and have eternal life.

May we encounter Jesus Christ anew this day and live the Good News with joy.

Through the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to “go out to the whole world and proclaim”  
our faith with confidence.

Give us the courage to witness to the Joy of the Gospel by our words and actions.

Help our parish to become more welcoming and missionary,  
so that you may be known and loved by all people.

We make this prayer through Our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God for ever and ever,

**R/ Amen.**

## Period of silence, prayer, and reflection

### Benediction

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Tantum ergo Sacramentum  
Veneremur cernui:  
Et antiquum documentum  
Novo cedat ritui:  
Praestet fides supplementum  
Sensuum defectui.

Down in adoration falling,  
Lo! the sacred Host we hail,  
Lo! oe'r ancient forms departing  
Newer rites of grace prevail;  
Faith for all defects supplying,  
Where the feeble senses fail.

Genitori, Genitoque  
Laus et iubilatio,  
Salus, honor, virtus quoque  
Sit et benedictio:  
Procedenti ab utroque  
Compar sit laudatio.  
Amen.

To the everlasting Father,  
And the Son Who reigns on high  
With the Holy Spirit proceeding  
Forth from each eternally,  
Be salvation, honour blessing,  
Might and endless majesty.  
Amen.

Priest

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ,

you gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of your suffering and death.

May our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood help us to experience the  
salvation you won for us, and the peace of the kingdom where you live

with the Father and the Holy Spirit,

God, for ever and ever.

**R/ Amen.**



## Reposition – O Sacrament Most Holy

*Traditional*

O Sacrament most Holy,  
O Sacrament Divine,  
All praise and all thanksgiving,  
Be every moment Thine.

## Closing Hymn

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*I will be with you wherever you go.  
Go now throughout the world!  
I will be with you in all that you say.  
Go now and spread my word!*

Come, walk with me on stormy waters.  
Why fear? Reach out, and I'll be there.

And you, my friend, will you now leave me,  
or do you know Me as your Lord?

Your life will be transformed with power  
by living truly in My name.

And if you say: 'Yes, Lord, I love You.'  
then feed My lambs and feed My sheep.

### Additional music

*We have a Gospel to proclaim – Edward Burns  
Our God Reigns – Leonard Smith  
God has chosen me – Bernadette Farrell  
Here I am Lord – Dan Schutte  
Lord, you give the great commission – Jeffrey Rowthorn  
Awake from your slumber - Dan Schutte*

### Additional Suggestions

*Litany of the Evangelising Saints*

[www.cjmmusic.com/featured/litany-of-the-evangelising-saints-proclaim15/](http://www.cjmmusic.com/featured/litany-of-the-evangelising-saints-proclaim15/)

*The Divine Praises*

*Psalm 138 (139)*



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