

Almighty God, giver of all  
good things,  
you showed your love for us  
by giving us your only Son:  
help us to show  
our love for you.

Grant us this Lent  
the vision to see where you  
are at work in the world,  
the courage to join in that  
mission  
and the desire to give  
in support of those seeking  
to train within the Scottish  
Episcopal Institute.

In the power of the Spirit  
we make our prayer  
through Jesus Christ  
our Lord.

The Scottish Episcopal Institute is the training agency for the Scottish Episcopal Church and forms people for service as competent and confident public ministers, whether as Lay Readers, Deacons or Priests. Currently there are 24 students in its midst, drawn from all seven dioceses. SEI is poised to launch new courses and fresh ways of formation to fit the changing Scottish context. To find out more about its ethos and courses, please go to

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*Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'*

*Matthew 9:35-38*

**Confident** Our Church is showing a new confidence in sharing the love of God in today's Scotland. We are taking bold steps to equip and send out labourers into the harvest. Our training agency, the Scottish Episcopal Institute, is actively engaged in equipping women and men in new ways for their part in God's mission.

**Called** We are all called to be disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. In Lent, through prayer and Bible study, discussion and worship, we open ourselves to the prompting of God's Holy Spirit and discern our next steps in faith. For some, this call to discipleship will lead to licensed lay ministry or ordination. This Lent, we ask you to pray for, and give financial support to, the Scottish Episcopal Institute as it seeks to equip these disciples to lead the mission and ministry of our Church.

**Creative** By God's grace, a wonderful range of disciples of all ages is called to ministry in the Scottish Episcopal Church. But we sense a particular urgency to recognise and support the call of **younger** candidates at this time. We want to encourage and delight in the fresh insights and energy they bring to us. We need those who can offer a lifetime of ordained service to God and form the future leadership of our Church. We recognise the importance of investing substantially in their training and formation so as to equip them for the tasks ahead.



**You can help to build the Church of the future by investing in the ordinands of today through the work of the Scottish Episcopal Institute. Please give what you can so that we can equip the Church for its mission.**

