

# LINCOLN CATHEDRAL



## **THE ORDER FOR THE SUNG EUCHARIST WITH ADMISSION AND LICENSING OF READERS**

**10.30am  
9 OCTOBER 2021**

## The Declarations

*Before the service the candidates for admission and licensing as Readers make the Declarations in the form prescribed by Canons E 5 and E 6.*

*The bishop reads the Preface to the Declaration of Assent*

The Church of England is part of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, worshipping the one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds, which faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation. Led by the Holy Spirit, it has borne witness to Christian truth in its historic formularies, the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, The Book of Common Prayer and the Ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons. In the declaration you are about to make, will you affirm your loyalty to this inheritance of faith as your inspiration and guidance under God in bringing the grace and truth of Christ to this generation and making Him known to those in your care?

Candidates I, A B, do so affirm, and accordingly declare my belief in the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds and to which the historic formularies of the Church of England bear witness; and in public prayer I will use only the forms of service which are authorized or allowed by Canon.

I, A B, will give due obedience to the Bishop of Lincoln and his successors in all things lawful and honest.

I, A B, about to be licensed to exercise the office of Reader in the Diocese of Lincoln, do hereby promise to endeavour, as far as in me lies, to promote peace and unity, and to conduct myself as becomes a worker for Christ, for the good of his Church, and for the spiritual welfare of all people. I will give due obedience to the minister in whose cure I may serve, in all things lawful and honest.

## **Those to be licensed:**

### **Margaret Ball – Deeping St Nicholas**

As a Trainer in the food industry, listening and encouraging are part of my job. I love watching people grow in their faith it is indeed a privilege to witness. Studying at York St John's University, gave me the foundation to grow and discern Reader Ministry. As a Chaplain both Ministries complement each other. To teach, preach, be prayerful and obedient and to serve alongside my Priest and God's people.

### **Katy Castaneda – St Wulfram's Grantham**

Of everyone in the Bible, I've identified most with Jonah in my ministry journey. Not because of life-threatening encounters with fish, but because I've often been stubborn and unwilling to listen to God. I've never felt good enough – why does God want me? Turns out, I've learned, God wants each of us and all of our imperfections – including me and you! Now I feel called to spread this message to everyone in my new ministry!

### **Keith Farmery – Frodingham and New Brumby**

Have you ever considered becoming a Reader?" was a question asked of me. Someone recognised something in me I did not know was there. The seed was sown of my calling. With some hiccups and setbacks along the way, my calling became stronger to Reader Ministry, a vocation of enabling people to become closer to God in everyday life.

### **Jennifer Hayes - Sutton, Huttoft and Anderby**

My background career is from nursing and midwifery. I love caring for people, sick, vulnerable, or as an advocate and I somehow knew God was guiding me during this time. Since retiring, the skills I developed during my career, with God, have led me into Reader ministry to use on His behalf.

### **Katherine Jago – The Walesby Group**

About ten years ago, my previous incumbent felt I had a vocation and sent me for discernment. I assured him he was wrong. Discussing my desire to preach with my current rector, from nowhere came the words "and I'd like to pursue a Reader ministry." With support from him and some extraordinary people, I'm still exploring the wider role but embracing the challenge.

### **Suzanne Maple – Welton and Dunholme with Scothern**

I have felt a calling to serve others in the ministry of Christ since qualifying as a Housing and Homelessness Officer. After raising four children, this continues in my present role as Teaching Assistant where, by the intertwining of my vocational

roles, my Reader Ministry can reach out to the local community and my church community.

### **Julie Parker – St Hugh, Old Brumby**

I was called to reader ministry, as it made sense, a sense of who I am. It fit as an Occupational Therapist walking along side people on their journey of challenges. It made sense as a member of the lay ministry team at my church. The outward looking ministry, meeting people where they are and being present at the time when it is most needed. Reader ministry made sense in my everyday faith, it made my oddness feel right.

### **Olusola Taiwo – Skirbeck, Holy Trinity**

As a keen enthusiast of God's word and after a few decades on a journey of faith I have come to discern the strong call to serve or minister to others. A near life-long spent in a care professional life prepares me for this lay ministry as well. Aiming to share God's hope in Boston and beyond.

### **Gill Thomas – St Peter's Humberston**

I have a passion for learning and helping others to understand more about their world and where God might be in it. I believe that my ministry as a Reader will be underpinned by building good relationships and sharing my faith through actions and conversations with others.

## **Transferring into the diocese:**

### **Lesley Joy – Hykeham Parish**

## **During the course of the service, each new reader will take part in a way that expresses their ministry as Readers in the Church of England:**

Leading the Church in penitence: Katherine Jago

Reading the scriptures: Jenny Hayes

Proclaiming the Gospel: Keith Farmery

Leading the intercessions: Julie Parker, Maggie Ball, Sola Taiwo, Katy

Castaneda, Gill Thomas and Suzanne Maple

## WELCOME TO LINCOLN CATHEDRAL

This service, and the other sung services during the week, are available online and we welcome all those both near and far joining our worship as it is live streamed at: <https://www.facebook.com/Lincoln.Cathedral>

***Please remember to observe the measures that are in place inside the cathedral and complete the Track-and-Trace information.***

Any indications for sitting, kneeling or standing are given for guidance. If you need to sit at any point during the service, please feel free to do so.

*Those Readers who are not being admitted or newly licensed are asked to take their places in the nave of the cathedral by 10 15am.*

*About 5 minutes before the service is due to begin, a member of the cathedral chapter welcomes the congregation and gives out any particular notices. After this, all say the following prayer:*

*All*                    **Most merciful God,  
your love compels us to come in.  
Our hands were unclean,  
our hearts were unprepared;  
we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under  
your table.  
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,  
and share your bread with sinners.  
So cleanse and feed us  
with the precious body and blood of your Son,  
that he may live in us and we in him,  
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,  
may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

*After this prayer we keep silence together*

# The Gathering

*At 10.30am the organist plays over the processional hymn. Please stand join sing the Processional Hymn, during which those Readers to be admitted process in followed by the cathedral procession and officiating bishop:*

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art,  
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word  
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,  
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son,  
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,  
Be thou my whole armor, be thou my true might,  
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,  
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Be thou my inheritance now and always,  
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart,  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,  
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won,  
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.**

*Words: Mary E. Byrne, versified by Eleanor Hull  
Music: Erik Routley*

## GREETING

*Bishop* In the name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

*Bishop* Peace be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

*The bishop introduces the service.*

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

*A Reader invites the people to confess their sins.*

God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

*Silence.*

*All* **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us, forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

*Bishop* Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

COLLECT

*President* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church  
is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,  
that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in  
holiness and truth to the glory of your name;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**



# The Liturgy of the Word

*Sit*

## FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 1.4-10

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL

PSALM 130

*De profundis*

*OUT of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord : Lord, hear my voice.*

*O let thine ears consider well : the voice of my complaint.*

*If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss : O Lord, who may abide it?*

*For there is mercy with thee : therefore shalt thou be feared.*

*I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him : in his word is my trust.*

*My soul fleeth unto the Lord : before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.*

*O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy : and with him is plenteous redemption.*

*And he shall redeem Israel : from all his sins.*

*Stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Choir*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*All*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Choir*

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

You have the words of eternal life.

*1 Samuel 3.9; John 6.68*

*.All*

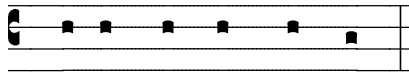
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## GOSPEL READING

LUKE 10.1-9

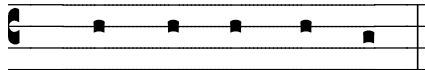
*Reader*        The Lord be with you  
*All*                **and also with you.**

*Reader*        Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
                     according to Luke.



*All*                **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end of the Gospel the Reader says*  
                     This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*All*                **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

## SERMON

*After the sermon silence is kept for a few moments.*

*Stand*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*During these, the following, or similar, responses may be used.*

*Reader* In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

Let us pray for the Church in today's world and in our everyday lives. God who sanctified the whole body of the Church by the Holy Spirit we offer our prayers to you and all members of your Church in their vocations and ministries. May we serve you in full faithfulness, truth and wisdom.

Lord, hear us.

*All* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We thank you for the spiritual journeys of those being licenced today, for their life experiences and their love and deep passion of the Gospel, that has brought each of them to this point in their lives. We thank you for their calling to this teaching and preaching ministry, and the exciting prospects unfolding before them, walking alongside those in their communities showing the light of Christ in today's world to those who are in the shadows and darkness. As they work alongside priests and other ministers in their parishes, may they work as one body, proclaiming God's word as he works through them, reaching out and ministering to your people as instruments of Christ's love.

Lord, hear us.

*All* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Loving God, we pray for our world, and for your peace – particularly for those places affected by conflicts. For those who suffer hunger, oppression, poverty, and homelessness, we plead that they find comfort, help, and support they need at this time. Grant us grace to find ways we could express practical support to them.

Lord, hear us.

*All* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Source of all grace and accord, look upon the communities of our Diocese with kindness. Make your loving presence known where there is strife, so that disparate groups might come together for the benefit of all. Heal the wounds of discord and hatred with the balm of your perfect love.

Lord, hear us.

*All* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

God, our Peace and Healer, comfort and walk beside those who suffer in body, mind and spirit. Help us to act and pray in ways that will bring your light into their place of despair and that they may they know the strength, hope and assurance of your Love.

Lord, hear us.

*All* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Lord, we ask you to remember in mercy and love your Church throughout your world. By the power of the Holy Spirit, bind us as one, together with St Hugh and all your Saints. Give us grace to follow their example, entrusting our lives and those of one another to your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Lord, hear us.

*All* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Merciful Father,

*All* **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

# The Admission and Licensing of Readers

## INTRODUCTION

*Bishop* My brothers and sisters, God has gathered us into the fellowship of the universal Church. As members together of his body, Christ calls us to minister in his name and, according to our gifts, to be instruments of his love in the world. Within this ministry, Readers are called to serve the Church of God and to work together with clergy and other ministers. They are to lead public worship, to preach and teach the word of God, to assist at the eucharist and to share in pastoral and evangelistic work. As authorized lay ministers, they are to encourage the ministries of God's people, as the Spirit distributes gifts among us all. They are called to help the whole Church to participate in God's mission to the world.

## THE PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION

*The candidates for admission stand and are presented to the bishop by the Warden of Lay Ministry:*

Bishop, I present these persons to be admitted to the office of Reader: Katherine, Jenny, Keith, Julie, Maggie, Sola, Katy, Gill and Suzanne.

*When all the candidates have been presented, the bishop asks these questions, to which the Warden of Lay Ministry responds.*

Have they made the Declaration of Assent, and thereby affirmed and declared their belief in the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds and to which the historic formularies of the Church of England bear witness? Have they also made the declaration of obedience to the Bishop and the declaration which must be made before a Reader is licensed?

**They have.**

*Bishop* Are they men and women of Christian character, well versed in the Holy Scriptures and in the doctrines of our faith?

**They are.**

*Bishop* Have they been sufficiently prepared for the duties of this office?

**They have.**

## THE QUESTIONS

*The bishop turns to the candidates and says*

In order that we may be satisfied that you are ready to begin the ministry of a Reader, you must now answer the questions we put to you. Do you believe that God is calling you to this ministry?

*Candidates* I do so believe.

Will you be faithful in leading the people of God in worship, and in preaching the word to them?

*Candidates* By the grace of God, I will.

Will you be diligent in prayer, in reading Holy Scripture, and in all studies that will deepen your faith and fit you to bear witness to the truth of the gospel?

*Candidates* By the grace of God, I will.

Will you endeavour to fashion your life according to the way of Christ?

*Candidates* By the grace of God, I will.

Will you promote unity, peace and love in the Church and in the world, and especially among those whom you serve?

*Candidates* By the grace of God, I will.

Will you work closely with your colleagues in ministry and encourage the gifts of others?

*Candidates* By the grace of God, I will.

*The candidates turn and face the congregation.*

*Bishop* Brothers and sisters, these men and women have been chosen for the office of Reader. Will you uphold and encourage them in their ministry?

*All* **We will.**

*Bishop* Will you continue to pray for them?

*All* **We will.**

*The bishop invites the clergy of the new Readers' parishes or chaplaincies to stand and asks*

Will you work closely with your new Readers and encourage them to use their gifts and develop their ministry?

*Clergy* We will.

*Bishop* Will you commend them to the people amongst whom they will minister?

*Clergy* We will.

## THE ADMISSION

*The candidates stand or kneel before the bishop, who admits them to the office of Reader by the delivery of a copy of the Scriptures in accordance with Canon E 5, with these words*

Katherine/Jenny/Keith/Julie/Maggie/Sola/Katy/Gill/  
Suzanne, I admit you as a Reader in the Church, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

*When all have been admitted, the bishop blesses them in these or other suitable words*

May the Lord give you wisdom, courage, strength and love to do his will, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, rest upon you, and on your work done in his name, now and always.

*All* **Amen.**

*Each new Reader is vested with a blue scarf.*

## THE LICENSING

*A Reader who has moved into the diocese is presented to the bishop by the Warden of Lay Ministry using these or other suitable words*

Bishop, I present this Reader to be licensed for ministry in this diocese: Lesley Joy from the Diocese of St Asaph, to serve in this diocese.

*When the Reader has been presented, the bishop asks these questions, to which the appropriate person responds*

Has she made the Declaration of Assent, and thereby affirmed and declared her belief in the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds and to which the historic formularies of the Church of England bear witness? Has she also made the declaration of obedience to the Bishop and the declaration which must be made before a Reader is licensed?

**She has.**

*The bishop hands the Reader who has moved into the diocese and the newly admitted Readers their licences with these or other suitable words*

Receive authority to exercise the office of Reader in this diocese. May the Lord be with you in all your work and ministry from this day onwards. Amen.

*When all have received their licences the bishop says to the newly licensed Readers*

*Bishop* We welcome you as ministers of God's word.

*All* **May the word of Christ dwell in you richly.**



# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

*Stand*

## THE PEACE

*The president introduces the Peace.*

*President* Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.

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

*During the preparation of the table the congregation join in singing the Offertory hymn:*

**I, The Lord Of Sea And Sky,  
I Have Heard My People Cry.  
All Who Dwell In Dark And Sin,  
My Hand Will Save.  
I Who Made The Stars Of Night,  
I Will Make Their Darkness Bright.  
Who Will Bear My Light To Them?  
Whom Shall I Send?  
*Here I Am Lord, Is It I, Lord?  
I Have Heard You Calling In The Night.  
I Will Go Lord, If You Lead Me.  
I Will Hold Your People In My Heart.***

**I, The Lord Of Snow And Rain,  
I Have Borne My People's Pain.  
I Have Wept For Love Of Them, They Turn Away.  
I Will Break Their Hearts Of Stone,  
Give Them Hearts For Love Alone.  
I Will Speak My Word To Them  
Whom Shall I Send?  
*Here I Am Lord...***

**I, The Lord Of Wind And Flame  
I Will Tend The Poor And Lame.  
I Will Set A Feast For Them,  
My Hand Will Save  
Finest Bread I Will Provide,  
Till Their Hearts Be Satisfied.  
I Will Give My Life To Them,  
Whom Shall I Send?**

***Here I Am Lord...***

*Words and music: Daniel L. Schutte*

**PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE**

Let us pray.

As the grain once scattered in the fields  
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside  
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,  
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together  
from the corners of the earth  
into your kingdom.

*All*

**Amen.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER (B)

*President* The Lord be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

*President* Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*President* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks because you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image and called us to new life in him.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

*The choir sings the **Sanctus & Benedictus***

*Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus*

*Dominus Deus Sabaoth.*

*Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.*

*Hosanna in excelsis.*

*Benedictus qui venit*

*in nomine Domini.*

*Hosanna in excelsis.*

Holy, holy, holy,

Lord God of hosts.

heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he that cometh

in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Setting: Communion Service in F Darke

*President* Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood  
of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:



**Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a-gain.**

*President* And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of  
the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection  
and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice  
of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of Mary the Virgin,  
Hugh of Lincoln and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

*All*        **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*President*    Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us  
*All*            **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory, for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*President* We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

*All* **Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

*The president invites the people to receive communion*

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

*All* **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*President* If you are worshipping with us online, you are invited to make your spiritual communion, praying that by God's grace, united with all the baptised and with Christ who gave his life for us, you may be filled with his indwelling presence.

### ***Act of Spiritual Reception to say at home:***

O loving God, in union with Christian people throughout the world and across the centuries gathered to make Eucharist, hearing your holy Word and receiving the Precious Body and Blood of your dear Son, I offer you praise and thanksgiving. Even though I am exiled from tasting the Bread of Heaven and drinking the Cup of Life I pray that you will unite me with all the baptised and with your Son who gave his life for us. Come Lord Jesus, dwell in me and send your Holy Spirit that I may be filled with your presence. Amen.

*All baptised Christians who usually receive communion are invited to do so. Please follow the directions of the stewards. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please carry this service booklet as a signal to the priest.*

*The choir sings the **Agnus Dei***

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi  
miserere nobis*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins  
of the world: have mercy upon us.

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi  
miserere nobis*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins  
of the world: have mercy upon us.

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi  
dona nobis pacem.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins  
of the world: grant us thy peace.

Setting: Communion Service in F *Darke*

*During the distribution of communion the Cathedral Consort sing the anthem  
'Almighty and everlasting God' by Orlando Gibbons.*

*Stand*

## PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

*President* Let us pray.

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ  
has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his  
kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the  
good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

**We thank you Lord, that you have fed us in this  
sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste  
of the heavenly banquet prepared for all peoples.  
Amen.**

# The Renewal of Commitment

*The bishop asks all Readers to stand.*

My brothers and sisters, in the name of the Church I thank you for your faithful ministry as Readers and lay ministers. I pray God's continuing blessing upon you and invite you now to renew your commitment to the ministry entrusted to you.

Therefore I ask: will you, as Readers, continue, as far as in you lies, to promote peace and unity and to conduct yourself as becomes a worker for Christ, for the good of his Church and for the spiritual welfare of all people?

*Readers* With God's help, I will.

Will you continue to study the Scriptures, to deepen your knowledge of the Christian faith and to grow in your discipleship of Christ?

*Readers* With God's help, I will.

Will you give obedience to those who are set in authority over you and will you work willingly and collaboratively with all who are your fellow-workers in the gospel?

*Readers* With God's help, I will.

Will you then, in the strength of the Holy Spirit, continually stir up the gift of God that is in you to make Christ known to all?

*Readers* With God's help, I will.

Almighty God, who has given you the will to undertake these things, give you also the strength to perform them, that he may complete that work that he has begun in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**



**God our Father, we offer our lives to do your work in your Church and in the world. Help us by your Holy Spirit to hear more clearly your call to deeper commitment to your service, and give us grace to respond with gladness; for the glory of Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## **The Dismissal**

*The congregation join in singing the closing hymn:*

**We have a gospel to proclaim,  
Good news for all throughout the earth;  
The gospel of a Saviour's name:  
We sing his glory, tell his worth.**

**Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,  
Not in a royal house or hall,  
But in a stable dark and dim,  
The Word made flesh, a light for all.**

**Tell of his death at Calvary,  
Hated by those he came to save;  
In lonely suff'ring on the cross:  
For all he loved, his life he gave.**

**Tell of that glorious Easter morn,  
Empty the tomb, for he was free;  
He broke the pow'r of death and hell  
That we might share his victory.**

**Tell of his reign at God's right hand,  
By all creation glorified.  
He sends his Spirit on his Church  
To live for him, the Lamb who died.**

**Now we rejoice to name him King:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
This gospel-message we proclaim:  
We sing his glory, tell his worth.**

*Words: Edward Joseph Burns  
Music: W. Maclagan*

*Bishop* Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
*All* **who has made heaven and earth.**

*Bishop* Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
*All* **now and for ever. Amen.**

*Bishop* The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to  
confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and strengthen you to  
proclaim the word and works of God;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
*All* **Amen.**

*Gospeller* Go in the peace of Christ.  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

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## **SPECIAL SERVICES AT THE CATHEDRAL IN THE COMING WEEKS...**

### **A County Harvest Festival**

at 3pm on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021

### **Requiem Eucharist for All Souls**

at 7 30pm on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021

An opportunity to remember those who we love but see no longer, with especial prayers for those lost during the disruptions caused by COVID-19.

### **Remembrance Sunday: Service of Remembrance**

at 10 40am on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Please note: Sung Eucharist will take place at the earlier time of 9 15am.

### **Advent Carol Service**

at 6pm on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Readings and music as we prepare to welcome the light of the world, with music sung by the Cathedral Youth Choir with the Lay Vicars of the cathedral choir.



### **ORGAN RECITAL on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

Come and experience Colin Walsh, Organist Emeritus at Lincoln Cathedral, in concert on the grand Father Willis organ in Lincoln Cathedral.

#### **The Programme for this concert is;**

Marcel Dupre. (1886-1971) – Cortège et Litanie op19 no2  
Charles-Marie Widor.(1844-1937) – Allegro cantabile from  
Symphony V op42

J S Bach. (1685-1750) -Tocatta and Fugue in F major BWV  
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Cesar Franck.(1822-1890)- Choral no 1 in E major

Charles Tournemire (1870-1939) (reconstructed by  
Maurice Durufle) Cantilène improvisée

Jean Langlais.(1907- 1991) – Evocation (Hommage à  
Rameau)

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