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**Choral Evensong
with the Installation of
Rowena King
as a Residentiary Canon
and Missioner**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
Sunday 10th March, 2024
3.45pm**

Welcome to Lincoln Cathedral

We are delighted to welcome you to Lincoln Cathedral for this service. Whether you are a visitor, a newcomer or a regular, we are glad to be worshipping with you this evening. If you need any help or directions about the service, the facilities or anything else, please ask a steward wearing a blue sash. They will be pleased to help.

A particular welcome to the family and friends of Rowena. We are delighted to join with you in worship.

During the service, Rowena will be collated to her unendowed prebendary by the Bishop of Lincoln. She will then present to the Interim Dean letters mandatory from the bishop, and ask the Interim Dean to admit, install and induct them into a prebend and canonry of this Cathedral Church, install and invest her as Missioner of Lincoln, and to have a voice in its chapter.

This evening's service of choral evensong follows a set pattern which is offered daily in the cathedral, and its essence is praise: words, inspired by God, used to worship him and lift our minds and hearts. The singing of psalms and the reading from the Old Testament unite us with our spiritual ancestors, the Jews, and with Christ himself, who used them to praise God. Our meditation on the word of God leads us to Jesus who is the Word made flesh, and so the *Magnificat* – a song of praise first sung by Mary, the mother of Jesus – points us to the new relationship with God which is brought about in the birth of Christ. The remainder of the service celebrates that 'new covenant' and, in the intercessions, commits us to the life of service to which Christians are called.

Much of this evening's service is sung by the choir. If it is new to you, we hope that within the combination of words, music and silence you find space for reflection in the midst of our busy and often hectic world.

A loop system operates in St Hugh's Choir. Where applicable, hearing aids should be turned to 'T' during the spoken parts of the service.

A collection is taken at this service, in aid of the cathedral. Please make use, where appropriate, of the Gift Aid envelopes. This will enable us to reclaim 25% of your gift from the HMRC. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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The Background to this Service

Since Lincoln Cathedral was founded in 1072, it has always been the seat (*cathedra*) of the Bishop and a centre of worship and mission for the diocese. The work of the cathedral canons is to support and carry out the Bishop's apostolic ministry throughout the diocese and beyond.

There are fifty-three canonries. In mediaeval times each was paid a *prebend*, or salary, consisting usually of the income from a manor or holding of land. Each canon is still known by the name of his or her prebend, which is written on a tablet above the seat, together with the Latin title of the psalm which should be recited daily "if nothing hinders".

Members of the College of Canons are bound together by their common pattern of daily prayer, which is directed toward the ministry of the bishop and the parishes and communities of the diocese. Whilst the physical focus for this life of prayer is the cathedral church (where it is maintained by the residentiary canons and lay vicars), each canon contributes to this work of prayer in their own local context. To this end, each canon is allocated a portion of the psalter (or, in one case, the Litany) to recite daily 'if nothing hinders' so that the entire psalter should be recited by the corporate body on a daily basis. St Hugh also directed that each canon should pray for members of the cathedral foundation (both living and departed) alongside their prayers for the life and work of the diocese.

The *College of Canons* exists to give counsel to the Bishop, and to the Chapter on any matter concerning the Cathedral as the seat of the Bishop. It receives and considers the annual report and audited accounts of the Cathedral and discusses such matters concerning the Cathedral as may be raised by its members. In the event of a vacancy in the See of Lincoln the College is responsible for electing the new bishop.

Normally there are four residentiary canons, working full time at or from the cathedral and looking after its worship, education programme, visitors and the fabric of the building. There are up to five residentiaries at Lincoln, including the holders of the ancient 'dignitaries' of Dean, Precentor and Chancellor together with the new dignity of Missioner. At present the historic dignity of Subdean is held concurrently by the Precentor. The other forty-nine canons are either clergy or lay people who hold leading positions in the church, mostly in the diocese – the Bishop, his staff, and those with long experience in parishes or other ministry.

The following provides the historical background of the prebend that Rowena is to hold:

Bedford Major

Before 1086 Bishop Remigius acquired a hide of land in Bedford from the church of St Paul in that town and this was confirmed as a possession of the canons of Lincoln in 1139. By the end of the thirteenth century, this land had become the endowment of two prebends, known as Bedford Major and Bedford Minor. John de Schalby held this stall between 1299 and 1302 and was Bishop Sutton's registrar for 18 years. He was also a member of Bishop Dalderby's household for eight years.

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Before the service, the new canon makes the appropriate declarations and oaths before the bishop and residentiary canons at the Shrine of St Hugh in the retrochoir of the cathedral.

At 3.40pm the Foundation Procession forms up in the south choir aisle in the following order:

*Choristers and Chanters
Lay Vicars and Choral Scholars
Master of the Choristers
Priest Vicars
Chapter Clerk
Canon Designate*

*Verger
Non-residentiary canons
Archdeacons
Suffragan bishops
Members of Chapter
Residentiary canons*

*Verger
Bishop
(Bishop's Chaplain)*

The Service

*The choir sing the introit, **I sing of a maiden** by Lennox Berkeley, from the crossing.*

Please stand as the procession enters St Hugh's Choir.

Rowena, together with the Interim Dean, moves to stand in front of the bishop at the choir step.

THE WELCOME

The Interim Dean welcomes the congregation and introduces the service. He invites the congregation to sit.

The Bishop's Commission

The new canon is presented to the bishop.

Right Reverend Father, I present to you Rowena King who has been appointed and collated a Canon and Prebendary of this Cathedral Church, and Missioner of Lincoln. She has taken and subscribed the oaths and declaration required by law, and we ask that she may now be collated and installed.

The bishop addresses the new canon and then delivers his formal charge to them.

The office of a canon carries with it certain responsibilities.

A canon should be a holy person, who prays regularly for God's blessing upon the work of the church in this diocese, and who enters wholeheartedly into the tradition of those who have served God before us through the worship offered in this Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

A canon should be a faithful, discreet and well-informed adviser to the bishop; one who confesses Jesus as Lord, whose studies are founded in scripture and disciplined to the discovery and advancement of truth.

A canon should be hospitable, welcoming strangers and the poor, sharing the generous love and modesty that mark a disciple of Christ.

Will you try, with the help of God, to be such a person?

New Canon *With the help of God, I will.*

Bishop Almighty God,
who has put into your heart
to make this solemn promise,
give you grace to perform the same,
that you, with these your brothers and sisters,
may inherit everlasting life.

All **Amen.**

The bishop reads the Deed of Collation. He hands his Letter Mandatory to the new canon and says

Take this our mandate, which you shall cause to be handed to the Reverend Canon Nicholas James Watson Brown, Precentor and Interim Dean of our Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lincoln; in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The bishop moves to the cathedra.

The Investiture of a Canon

The new canon presents the Letter Mandatory of the Bishop, and say

Mr Interim Dean and members of the Chapter, I present these letters mandatory of Stephen our bishop and ask you to admit, install and induct me into a prebend and canonry of this Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lincoln and as Missioner of Lincoln.

The Interim Dean passes the Letter Mandatory to the Chapter Clerk, who reads them out to the Chapter.

The Interim Dean responds on behalf of Chapter.

We gladly accept this letter from Stephen our Bishop and ask you now to declare that you will accept the constitution, statutes and customs of this church.

The new canon makes the following declaration

I Rowena King, Canon of this Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lincoln and Prebendary of the prebend of Bedford Major founded therein, declare that I will faithfully observe the constitution, statutes and customs of this Cathedral Church, and that I will set forward and promote such works as may properly be done in connection with it for the service of God and for the benefit of his church. So help me God.

The Interim Dean invests the new canon, saying

In the name of God, Amen.

We, Nicholas James Watson Brown, Interim Dean of this Cathedral Church, and my fellow members of Chapter, receive you (*here the Interim Dean takes the new canon by the right hand*) as a sister, and admit you as a Canon and Prebendary of this cathedral church.

The Interim Dean places a New Testament into the new canon's hand, continuing

+ in the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Interim Dean takes the new canon by the hand and takes her to her prebendal stall, where she is installed.

Interim Dean We install you, sister, into the stall assigned to your prebend. The Lord keep watch over your coming in and your going out from this time forth and for evermore.

All **Amen.**

The new canon stands and turns to look at the back of the stall. The Interim Dean continues

Look upon the titles of the psalms, which you are to recite every day, if nothing hinders.

The Interim Dean says to the Missioner-designate

Rowena, you have been called to serve God amongst us here as Missioner of Lincoln. I invite you to accompany me to the stall assigned to that office and dignity in this Cathedral Church.

The Cathedral Foundation says with one voice

**May God give you grace
to serve here as Missioner!**

The Missioner is vested in her cope by a residentiary canon, and the Interim Dean leads her to the Missioner's stall. The Interim Dean seats her in her stall, saying

We install you, sister, into the stall assigned to the Missioner. The Lord keep watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and for evermore.

All **Amen.**

The Missioner kneels and says, with the Interim Dean and the whole congregation, the Lord's Prayer.

Interim Dean Our Father,
All **which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that 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.**

Interim Dean O Lord, save your servant
All **who put her trust in you.**

Interim Dean Let the enemy gain no advantage over her
All **nor the wicked approach to hurt them.**

Interim Dean Be to them, O Lord, a strong tower
All **from the face of the enemy.**

Interim Dean O Lord, hear our prayer
All **and let our cry come to you.**

Interim Dean O God, our beginning and our ending,
we praise you that you give us
grace and strength to serve you,
and that you have called these your servants
into the fellowship of this Cathedral Foundation.
Grant them such love for you and for your people
that they may take up the cross each day
and follow in the steps of your Son.
May they be so encouraged by their fellowship
and unity with us
that they may be a strength to others;
may their prayers combine with ours
to come into your presence,
and may your Holy Spirit lead them day by day
until they come to your everlasting kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Office of Evensong

THE PRECES

The cantor and choir sing the introductory verses to a setting by Humphrey Clucas.

O Lord, open thou our lips
and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
*as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall
be,
world without end. Amen.*

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

OFFICE HYMN

O kind Creator, bend thine ear
**To mark the cry, to know the tear
Before thy throne of mercy spent
In this thy holy fast of Lent.**

Our hearts are open, Lord, to thee:
Thou knowest our infirmity;
Pour out on all who seek thy face
Abundance of thy pardoning grace.

**Our sins are many, this we know;
Spare us, good Lord, thy mercy show;
And for the honour of thy name
Our fainting souls to life reclaim.**

Give us the self-control that springs
From discipline of outward things,
That fasting inward secretly
The soul may purely dwell with thee.

**We pray thee, holy Trinity,
One God, unchanging Unity,
That we from this our abstinence
May reap the fruits of penitence. Amen.**

Words: Gregory the Great, translated by T. A. Lacey

Music: Plainsong

Sit

PSALMODY

Psalm 107.1-9

These ancient songs are the Jewish hymn book, and, as such, would have been used by Jesus and his disciples. Our use of them continues an ancient tradition which links us with the continuing prayer of Jesus himself.

Confitemini Domino

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious :
and his mercy endureth for ever.

Let them give thanks whom the Lord hath
redeemed : and delivered from the hand of
the enemy;

And gathered them out of the lands, from the
east and from the west : from the north and from
the south.

They went astray in the wilderness out of the
way : and found no city to dwell in;

Hungry and thirsty : their soul fainted in them.

So they cried unto the Lord in their trouble :
and he delivered them from their distress.

He led them forth by the right way : that they
might go to the city where they dwelt.

O that men would therefore praise the Lord
for his goodness : and declare the wonders
that he doeth for the children of men!

For he satisfieth the empty soul : and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

Stand

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall
be: world without end. Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Numbers 21.4-9

Stand

MAGNIFICAT

The choir sings the Song of Mary (Luke 1: 46-55) to the setting in the key of D major by Sir George Dyson.

My soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded:
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination
of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant
Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

Sit

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Ephesians 2.1-10

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

The choir sings the Song of Simeon (Luke 2: 29-32) to the setting in the key of D major by Sir George Dyson.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation.
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all
people.

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is
now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Turn to face east (towards the altar)

APOSTLES' CREED

Canon

I believe in God

All

**the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God
the Father almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

The cantor and choir sing the prayers to a setting by Humphrey Clucas.

The Lord be with you

and with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Kneel

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil. Amen.*

*O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us
and grant us thy salvation.*

*O Lord, save the King
and mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*

*Endue thy ministers with righteousness
and make thy chosen people joyful.*

*O Lord, save thy people
and bless thine inheritance.*

*Give peace in our time, O Lord
because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.*

*O God, make clean our hearts within us
and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

The cantor sings the Collect of the Day

O Lord, we beseech thee,
absolve thy people from their offences,
that through thy bountiful goodness
we may all be delivered from the bands of those
sins which by our frailty we have committed;
grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's
sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

and the Collect for Lent

Almighty and everlasting God,
who hatest nothing that thou hast made
and dost forgive the sins of all them that are
penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

and the Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that, by thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

and the Collect for Aid Against All Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Sit

ANTHEM

*The choir sings the anthem, **I was glad** by Sir C. Hubert H. Parry.*

Kneel

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

led by the canon-in-residence. These conclude with petitions for the bishop and parishes of the diocese of Lincoln, and for present and past members of the Cathedral Foundation.

After the prayers of intercession all say together

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Please stand to sing the Offertory Hymn, during which a collection is taken to support the life, work and ministry of the cathedral.

**Love Divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish, then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

*Words: Charles Wesley
Music: William Rowlands*

BLESSING

Bishop The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

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 May God the Father, Lord of all creation
cleanse you by his holiness,
may God the Son, ascended to the heights,
pour out upon you the riches of his grace;
may God the Holy Spirit empower
and strengthen you in the service of the gospel;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you, and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Please stand while the Cathedral Foundation, led by the choir, leaves in procession for the Chapter House. Those who wish to do so are welcome to follow them. If you do join the College, please stand to the righthand side of the main body of the Chapter House.

A Place and Voice in the College

In the Chapter House, the Missioner stands before the Interim Dean, who says

God has reconciled us to himself through Christ
and given us the ministry of reconciliation.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

College

Dean

Let us greet one another joyfully
in the name of Christ.

*The Missioner receives the hand of the Interim Dean and that of each other canon in turn. Meanwhile, the choir sings **Ubi Caritas et amor** by Maurice Duruflé.*

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.*

Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other
with a sincere heart. Amen.

The Missioner kneels before the Interim Dean and, placing her hands between his, she says

I promise obedience to the dean of this cathedral
church, as dean.

The Interim Dean places the Missioner in the College, saying

We receive you, sister,
to a place and voice in the College of Canons.

The Interim Dean returns to his place and the College stands for the closing prayer.

Dean Let us pray.

Go before us, O Lord, in all our doings
with your most gracious favour,
and further us with your continual help,
that in all our works, begun, continued
and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and finally by your mercy attain everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

College **Amen.**

Dean Let us bless the Lord.

College **Thanks be to God.**

The Foundation returns in procession to the South Choir Aisle.

After the service, refreshments will be available in the Chapter House. Do please stay to greet Rowena and welcome her into the community of the cathedral and diocese. For those who do not wish to stay for the refreshments, please leave the cathedral via the Judgement Door (at the south-eastern end of the cathedral).

*Please take the prayers and good wishes of the cathedral with you
as you leave this evening.*

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