

The Diocese of Lincoln



THE ORDER FOR SUNG EUCHARIST with Thanksgiving for Lay Ministry

**10 30am
12 OCTOBER 2024**

WELCOME TO LINCOLN CATHEDRAL

Welcome to this service in the cathedral in which we celebrate the ministry of so many within the families of parishes and chaplaincies that make up the Diocese of Lincoln.

During this service, two people will be admitted as Readers:

Pauline Wiggett (St Peter in Eastgate)

Jesus has been wooing me since I was about four when a neighbour took me to Sunday School. At 14 I made a personal commitment to follow Jesus through the work of Scripture Union in my school. This led me eventually to cross cultural ministry in Lebanon, Niger and Francophone Europe. I love to teach God's word and to get alongside people to help them follow Jesus more closely. Having worked most of my life in parachurch organisations, becoming a lay reader is my step of obedience as Jesus calls me to serve the local church more directly.

Peter (Elloe Stone Group of Parishes)

I retired in 2019 after 30 years as a GP in Boston. I have been involved in Church in many different ways over the years, currently as a musician/worship leader, PCC member, choir leader and leader of a bible study group. Retirement brought with it many questions about the future and I felt lead firstly to the ALM course and then on to Reader training. After a lifetime of continual study I am still enthusiastic about learning , and the study of all aspects of Theology and Church has proved to be challenging and rewarding. I spent most of my medical career translating often difficult concepts so that people could understand what was going on for them, and I see my ministry as a reader in similar terms. I want to be in a position to help people to think through their relationships with God, and with each other, particularly as we look together to the guidance and challenge of scripture

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.

ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE: A meditation on Brother James' *Air Darke*

The Declarations

Before the service the candidates 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...

I, A B, about to be granted permission to officiate as a 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.

The Order of Service

The Gathering

At 10 20am Readers who have robed, together with those ALMs who wish, process from the Chapter House to their places in St Hugh's Choir.

At 10 30am the organist plays over the processional hymn. Please stand join sing the Processional Hymn, during which the choir and ministers process to their places in St Hugh's Choir: (NEH436)

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?**

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise the everlasting King.

**Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.**

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise him! Praise him!

Glorious in his faithfulness.

**Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.**

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise him! Praise him!

Widely as his mercy flows.

**Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him;
dwellers all in time and space.**

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise with us the God of grace.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte

Music: John Goss

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

Bishop 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

Isaiah 61. 1–3a

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord

All

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

**Jesus is king and I will extol him
Give Him the glory, and honour His name
He reigns on high, enthroned in the heavens
Word of the Father, exalted for us**

**We have a hope that is steadfast and certain
Gone through the curtain and touching the throne
We have a Priest who is there interceding
Pouring His grace on our lives day by day**

**We come to Him, our Priest and Apostle
Clothed in His glory and bearing His name
Laying our lives with gladness before Him
Filled with His Spirit we worship the King**

**O Holy One, our hearts do adore You
Thrilled with Your goodness we give You our praise
Angels in light with worship surround Him
Jesus, our Saviour, forever the same**

Words and music: Wendy Churchill

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4. 1–5

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord

All

Thanks be to God.

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.**

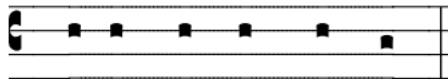
GOSPEL READING

Luke 12. 35–40

Reader The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

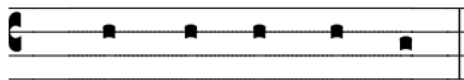
Gospeller Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.



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

The Bishop of Lincoln

After the sermon silence is kept for a few moments.

Please sit or kneel for our prayers

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION, *read by Pauline Wiggett and Peter Holmes*

During this, the following, or a similar, response may be used.

Reader Lord, hear us,

All **Lord, graciously hears us.**

At the conclusion of the intercessions the intercessor says a prayer or the following

Merciful Father,

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

Commissioning of the new Warden of Lay Ministry

The new Warden of Lay Ministry stands before the bishop at the sanctuary step.

Bishop Lynne, you have been appointed as a Warden of Lay Ministry to share with Clare the task of ensuring that Lay Ministry within the Diocese of Lincoln is nurtured, shaped and sustained with respect to local need, to new deployment patterns following A Time to Change Together, and to national developments in the field of Licensed and Accredited Lay Ministry.

Will you work collaboratively with colleagues in the College of St Hugh, Deanery partnership leadership, parish clergy, PCCs and other interested bodies to ensure that the Readers and Authorised Lay Ministers in the Diocese of Lincoln are recruited, trained, resourced, pastored and advocated for?

Warden With the help of God, I will.

Bishop People of this Diocese and all who share in Christ's ministry here, will you support Lynne in her role and ministry?

All **With the help of God, we will.**

The Bishop then blesses and commissions the new Warden of Lay Ministry.

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 Wardens of Lay Ministry:

Bishop, we present these persons to be admitted to the office of Reader: Pauline and Peter

When all the candidates have been presented, the bishop asks these questions, to which the Wardens of Lay Ministry respond.

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 people 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 mission, and encourage the gifts and vocations of others?

Candidates By the grace of God, I will.

The candidates turn and face the congregation.

Bishop Brothers and sisters, these people 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 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

Pauline, I admit you as a Reader in the Church, and grant you permission to officiate in the parish of St Peter in Eastgate, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Peter, I admit you as a Reader in the Church, and licence you to the Elloe Stone Group of parishes, 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.

When all have received their licences/PTO the bishop says to the new Readers

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

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

Welcome to newly-authorized Authorized Lay Ministers

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 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.

Those who have been newly-authorized as Authorized Lay Ministers stand and are welcomed.

The bishop prays 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.

The Renewal of Commitment

The bishop asks all Readers and Lay Ministers 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 and Lay Ministers, 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?

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?

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?

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?

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.

Amen.

All

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 Liturgy of the Sacrament

THE PEACE

The president introduces the Peace and then says these words

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

We offer each other a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN, *during which the table is prepared. A collection to support the life work and ministry of the cathedral is taken and presented.* (NEH353)

**Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways!
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives thy service find,
In deeper reverence praise.**

**In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow thee.**

**Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.**

**Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm!**

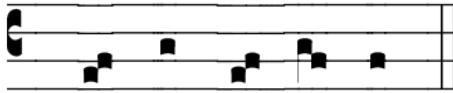
*Words: John Whittier
Music: C. Hubert. H. Parry*

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

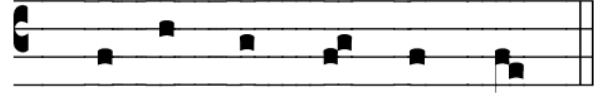
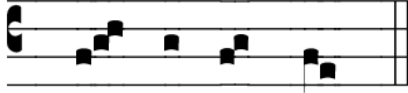
The president says the prayer of preparation, at the end of which all respond

All **Amen.**

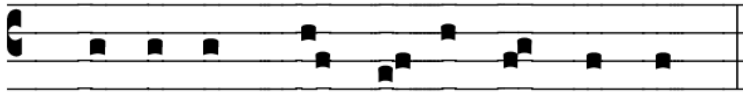
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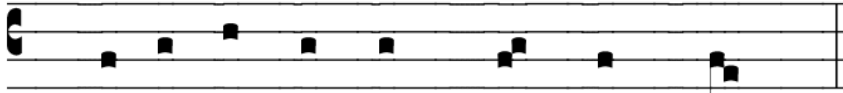
President The Lord be with you. *All* **and al - so with you.**



President Lift up your hearts. *All* **We lift them to the Lord.**



President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



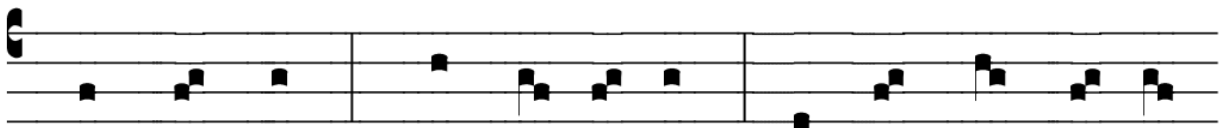
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The president praises God for his mighty acts, and the choir sings the **Sanctus & Benedictus***

<i>Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus</i>	Holy, holy, holy,
<i>Dominus Deus Sabaoth.</i>	Lord God of hosts.
<i>Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.</i>	Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
<i>Hosanna in excelsis.</i>	Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
<i>Benedictus qui venit</i>	Blessed is he that cometh
<i>in nomine Domini.</i>	in the name of the Lord.
<i>Hosanna in excelsis.</i>	Hosanna in the highest.

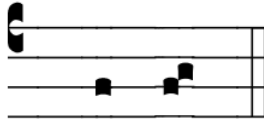
Setting: Darke in F

The president recalls the Last Supper, and this acclamation is sung
Great is the mystery of faith:



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

*The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology, which ends
...for ever and ever.*



All **A - men.**

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

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All **Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

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.

Sit

**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 forevermore!**

Words: Timothy Dudley Smith

Music: Walter Greatorex

The Dismissal

President The Lord be with you

All **and also with you**

The president gives the blessing, to which all respond

Amen.

Gospeller Go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: Piece D'Orgue (BWV 572) J.S. Bach

There will be refreshments served in the Chapter House after the service for those attending the Annual General Meeting of Lincoln Association of Readers and ALMs, which will follow at 12 30pm

After lunch (of your own choice!) everyone is invited to attend the annual Bishop Grosseteste Lecture – full details opposite.

The Annual Bishop Grosseteste Lecture: Reflecting on faith, science and philosophy in today's world with Mark Hocknull, Associate Professor in Philosophy in the School of History and Heritage at the University of Lincoln

***Living faithfully in the world: 'A human being fully alive'
How to develop a positive faith for today's world***

*3pm in the Chapter House of Lincoln Cathedral
on Saturday 12th October 2024*

Admission Free

The Annual St Hugh's Day Lecture

given by

Sir Jonathan Phillips,

*former Political Director and Permanent Secretary in the
Northern Ireland Office*

***What the Good Friday agreement overlooked: the
surprising longevity of the Northern Ireland Peace
Process***

*3 15pm in the Chapter House of Lincoln Cathedral
on Monday 17th November 2024*

Admission Free

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