

Diocese of Lincoln



**Sung Eucharist with
Blessing of the Oils and
Renewal of Vows**
on the Tuesday of Holy Week

Tuesday 15th April 2025
11am

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>

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.

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.

Following the service, a ministry of prayer for healing (including anointing) will be offered for those who wish at the High Altar.

Vessels for collection of oils should be placed on the appropriate tables in the north choir aisle before the service. They can be collected from the same location once filled after the service.

All ministers are asked to be in the Chapter House, robed and ready to process, by 10 45am at the latest. At 10 50am the main clergy procession enters, processing from the Chapter House to seats in the nave by way of the north choir aisle and north nave aisle. When in their places, clergy take their seats.

The Diocesan Ladies' Choir, who are singing the first anthem during the distribution of communion at this service, was founded in 2010 to offer mission through music in churches throughout the Diocese of Lincoln. We visit a variety of churches across the Diocese, some regularly and others for one-off events. We aim to support churches through singing at services and concerts to support worship or to help with a fundraising initiative. We are looking to expand our reach and our membership in 2025; if you feel that we can support your church, please do get in touch with us via our Musical Director, Lee Mitton-Rooke lee.rooke@googlemail.com; if you'd like to join us, please contact our committee diocesanladieschoir@gmail.com

A few moments before the service is due to begin, the Very Rev'd Dr Simon Jones, Dean of Lincoln, welcomes the congregation, gives out any particular notices for the day and invites everyone to prepare during a time of silent prayer.

The Gathering

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

During which the choir, college of canons, cathedral chapter and altar party enter



Christ is made the sure foundation, (NEH 205)
and the precious corner-stone,
who, the two walls underlying,
bound in each, binds both in one,
holy Sion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,
dearly loved by God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody,
God the One, in Threefold glory,
singing everlastingly.

To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of hosts, today;
with thy wonted loving-kindness,
hear thy people as they pray;
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls for ay.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
gifts of grace by prayer to gain;
here to have and hold for ever,
those good things their prayers obtain,
and hereafter, in thy glory,
with thy blessed ones to reign.

**Laud and honour to the Father;
laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three, and ever One,
One in love, and One in splendour,
while unending ages run. Amen.**

Words: Latin, translated by J. M. Neale (1818-66)

Music: Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

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

The bishop invites the people to confess their sins

All Come, let us return to the Lord and say
**Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

cf Hosea 6

The bishop gives the absolution, to which all respond

All **Amen.**

**Peace to all your people through the earth be given:
Mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,
singing highest praises to our heavenly king.**

**Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy one,
seated now and reigning from your Father's throne:
Lord and God, we praise you; highest heaven adores:
in the Father's glory, all the praise be yours!**

Music: William H. Ferguson (1874-1950)

The bishop introduces a time of silent prayer and then prays the Collect, to which all respond

Sit

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 61.1-3

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord

All

Thanks be to God.

Remain seated

PSALM

PSALM 23



**The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
he makes me lie in pastures green.
he leads me by the still, still waters,
his goodness restores my soul.**

***And I will trust in you alone,
and I will trust in you alone,
for your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.***

**He guides my ways in righteousness,
and he anoints my head with oil,
and my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on his pure delights.**

And I will trust...

**And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
for you are with me, and your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.**

And I will trust...

Words and music: Stuart Townend (b1963)

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SECOND READING

JAMES 5.13-16a

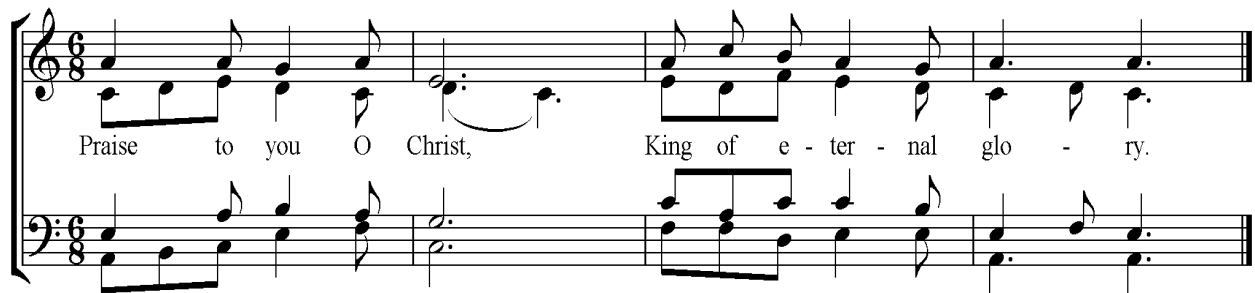
At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Choir Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

All **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

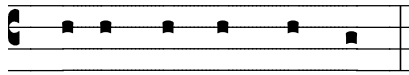
Choir The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because he has
anointed me: he has sent me to bring good news to the
oppressed.

All **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

JOHN 12.1-11

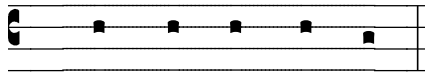
Gospeller The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

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



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.**

SERMON The Right Rev'd Dr David Court, Bishop of Grimsby

After the sermon silence is kept for a few moments.

RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT TO MINISTRY

Bishop My brothers and sisters, at his Last Supper, our Lord Jesus Christ gave his disciples a new commandment, that they should love one another, and he prayed that they might be one. He gave them an everlasting sign of his own love, in the sacrament of bread and wine. He consecrated himself to his Father's service, to be the high priest of the New Covenant. I invite you now to dedicate yourselves afresh to his service, as stewards of the mysteries of God and ministers of his grace.

The Bishop moves to stand with any other bishops present.

A lay person addresses the bishops

At your ordination as bishops you received the gift of the Spirit, that you might lead the Church in mission, and send out ministers in Christ's name; that you might promote its unity, uphold its discipline, and guard its faith; and that you might teach and govern the people committed to your charge. Will you continue faithfully in this ministry, watching over Christ's own flock, and building them up in the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace?

Bishops **By the help of God, I will.**

Those priests present stand. The lay person addresses the priests and bishops

At your ordination to the priesthood, you took authority to watch over and care for God's people, to absolve and bless them in his name, to proclaim the gospel of salvation, and to minister the sacraments of his New Covenant. Will you continue as faithful stewards of the mysteries of God, preaching the gospel of Christ and ministering his holy sacraments?

Priests **By the help of God, I will.**

Those deacons present stand. The lay person addresses the deacons, priests and bishops

At your ordination as a deacon, you received the yoke of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve. Will you continue faithfully in this ministry, to build up God's people in his truth and serve them in his name?

Deacons **By the help of God, I will.**

Those lay ministers present stand. The lay person addresses the lay ministers

When you were commissioned, you undertook to be faithful in prayer and by word and example to minister to those for whom Christ died. Will you do all that is in your power to witness to God's love for his people?

Lay ministers **By the help of God, I will.**

The lay person addresses all the ministers

May the God of peace sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and he will accomplish it.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

The people stand, and the lay person addresses the whole congregation

My brothers and sisters, pray for all who minister, that they may be constant in prayer and steadfast in faith, and serve your people with joy.

All **Lord, hear us.**

Pray for your deacons, that the Lord may pour upon them the riches of his grace. Pray that he who has called them to his service may make them worthy of his calling.

All **Lord, hear us.**

Pray for your priests. Ask the Lord to bless them with the fullness of his love, that they may be faithful ministers of his word and sacrament, and lead his people in the way of salvation.

All **Lord, hear us.**

Pray for your bishops, that despite their unworthiness they may be faithful to the great trust that has been handed to them. Pray that they may become more like our Good Shepherd and great High Priest, the teacher and servant of us all, and so become more and more a sign of Christ's loving presence among us.

All **Lord, hear us.**

Pray for the families of those who minister, for their homes, and for all with whom they share their lives.

All **Lord, hear us.**

May the Lord in his love keep us ever close to him, and may he bring us all to the fullness of eternal life.

All **Amen.**

Remain standing

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

THE PEACE

The bishop introduces the Peace and then says

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

All

We offer each other a sign of peace.

During the following hymn the oils are brought to the bishop in front of the altar



**Blest by the sun, the olive tree
brought clusters of fair fruit to birth,
whose ripeness now we bring with prayer,
Lord Christ, redeemer of the earth.**

(NEH 512)

**Eternal King, look down and bless
the oil your servants offer here,
and may it be a lively sign
which all the powers of darkness fear.**

**From those washed in the sacred font
let Satan's influence depart,
and when this oil the brow shall seal,
transforming grace invade the heart.**

**Our wounded nature thus be healed
by your anointing grace, O Lord;
In men and women so renewed
shall God's own image be restored.**

**Lord Christ, the Father's only Son,
who took our flesh in Mary's womb,
give light to your anointed ones,
and break the power of death's dark tomb.**

**So may this joyous paschal feast,
the time when saving grace is given,
fill every Christian soul with praise,
and raise our minds from earth to heaven. Amen.**

Words: from an early Latin hymn, translated by Richard Rutt (1925-2011)

Music: Percy C. Buck (1871-1947)

THE BLESSING OF OILS

Bishop Blessed be the God and Father
 of our Lord Jesus Christ,

All **who has blessed us in Christ
 with every spiritual blessing.**

The deacons present the oils.

Deacon The oil for the anointing of the sick and dying.

*Bishop of
Grantham* Blessed are you, Sovereign God, gentle and merciful,
 creator of heaven and earth.

Your Word brought light out of darkness,
and daily your Spirit renews the face of the earth.
Your anointed Son brought healing
to those in weakness or distress.

He broke the power of evil
and set us free from sin and death,
that we might praise your name for ever.

By the power of your Spirit may your blessing rest
on all who are anointed with this oil in your name;
may they be made whole in body, mind and spirit,
restored in your image, renewed in your love,
and serve you as sons and daughters in your kingdom.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Deacon The oil for the signing with the cross at baptism.

Bishop of Grimsby Blessed are you, sovereign God,
the protector of all who believe in you.
Your anointed Son overcame the powers of evil
when he was lifted high upon the cross.

By the power of your Spirit
may your blessing rest upon all
who are anointed with this oil in your name;
as they come to the waters of baptism
may it be for them a sign of your defence
in their fight against sin, the world and the devil,
and bring them to share in Christ's victory.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Deacon The oil of chrism.

Bishop of Lincoln Blessed are you, Sovereign God and eternal Father,
upholding by your grace all who hear your call.
Under your Old Covenant
priests and kings were anointed to serve you
and in the fullness of time
you anointed your Son by the Holy Spirit
to be the Christ, the Saviour and Servant of all.

All the priests extend their right hands towards the chrism as the bishop continues

By the power of your Spirit may your blessing rest
on all who are anointed with this chrism in your name;
let it be for them a sign of joy and gladness
as they share in the royal priesthood
of the New Covenant
and make known the kingdom of Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
we lift our voices of thanks and praise.

All **Blessed be God, our strength and our salvation,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The deacons carry the oils to the north choir aisle to be prepared for distribution.

OFFERTORY HYMN

During which the table is prepared.



**There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice
which is more than liberty.**

(CP 598)

**There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgement given.**

**For the love of God is broader
than the measures of man's mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify his strictness
with a zeal he will not own.**

**There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.**

If our love were but more simple,
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be all gladness
in the joy of Christ our Lord.

Words: F. W. Faber (1814-1863)
Music: Maurice Bevan (1621-2006)

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

The bishop prays the prayer of preparation, at the end of which all respond

All **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Bishop The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

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

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The bishop praises God for his mighty acts, and the choir sing 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.

Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that cometh

in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Setting: Missa Assumpta est Maria Palestrina

The bishop recalls the Last Supper, and this acclamation is said

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology, which ends

...for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bishop 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

Bishop 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 bishop 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.**

Bishop If you are worshipping with us online, I invite you 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.

AGNUS DEI, sung by the cathedral choir

<i>Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis</i>	O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.
<i>Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi miserere nobis</i>	O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.
<i>Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi dona nobis pacem.</i>	O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant us thy peace.

Setting: Missa Assumpta est Maria Palestrina

ANTHEMS DURING COMMUNION

The Diocesan Ladies Choir sings 'O God, you search me and you know me' by Bernadette Farrell (arr. Christopher Walker).

The Cathedral Choir sings 'Listen, sweet dove' by Grayston Ives.

Stand

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

After a time of silence, all stand, and the bishop prays the post-communion prayer to which all respond

All **Amen.**

All **You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ,
and you have made yourself known in the
breaking of the bread.**

**Abide with us, we pray,
that, blessed by your royal presence,
we may walk with you all the days of our life,
and at its end behold you
in the glory of the eternal Trinity,
one God for ever and ever.**

Amen.

The Dismissal

POST-COMMUNION HYMN



**O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me,
my Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.**

(NEH 420)

O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.

O let me see thy footmarks,
and in them plant mine own;
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone;
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my Friend.

Words: John Bode (1816-74)

Music: William H. Ferguson (1874-1950)

THE 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 The Father, whose glory fills the heavens,
 cleanse you by his holiness
 and send you to proclaim his word.
All **Amen.**

Bishop The Son, who has ascended to the heights,
 pour upon you the riches of his grace.
All **Amen.**

Bishop The Holy Spirit, the Comforter,
 equip you and strengthen you in your ministry.
All **Amen.**

Bishop And the blessing of God almighty,
 the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
 be upon you and remain with you always.
All **Amen.**

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in C minor (BWV 546) *J.S.Bach*

THE MINISTRY OF PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Following the service, a ministry of prayer for healing (including anointing) will be offered for those who wish at the High Altar.

The choir, college of canons, cathedral chapter and altar party process out to the south choir transept by way of the south aisle and south choir aisle.

The procession of ministers leaves the nave and returns to the Chapter House by way of the north aisle and north choir aisle.

Everyone is invited to share refreshments in the north transept and crossing after the service.

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