



CHESTER
CATHEDRAL

Easter 5

**Choral Evensong with
installation of
The Revd Jane Proudfoot
as Archdeacon of
Macclesfield**

**28th April 2024
3pm**

WELCOME

We welcome you to Chester Cathedral!
It is a place where the mission of the church to proclaim God's love is central, and your presence here for worship helps to strengthen this vital act of witness.

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Music

Preces and Responses Kenneth Leighton 1929-88

Psalm 138

Canticles

Collegium Regale Herbert Howells 1892-1983

Anthem

I was glad Hubert Parry 1848-1918

Voluntary

Finale (Symphonie No. 6)

Charles-Marie Widor 1844-1937

Jane Proudfoot is currently the Rector of Grappenhall, Priest in charge of Daresbury, and Rural Dean of Great Budworth in this Diocese. Since September 2023, she has been serving as Assistant Archdeacon of Macclesfield.

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Please stand as the choir and ministers enter during the opening hymn.

Cathedral Choir

Diocesan Clergy

The Cathedral Curate

The Dean's Vicar

The College of Canons

The Canon Diocesan

The Vice Dean

The Archdeacon of Chester

The Dean

The Honorary Assistant Bishops

The Bishop of Stockport

The Bishop of Chester

The Bishop's Chaplain

Hymn

Alleluia, sing to Jesus,
his the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation,
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how;
though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia, Bread of Angels,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day;
intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia, born of Mary,
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the Eucharistic Feast.

W. Chatterton Dix 1837-98

HYFRYDOL

Richard Huw Pritchard 1811-87

*Please be seated. The Dean, The Very Revd
Dr Tim Stratford, says*

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit :
a broken and a contrite heart, O God,
thou wilt not despise.

Psalm 51.17

Dearly beloved brethren, the
Scripture moveth us in sundry places to
acknowledge and confess our manifold
sins and wickedness; and that we should
not dissemble nor cloke them before the
face of Almighty God our heavenly Father;
but confess them with an humble, lowly,
penitent, and obedient heart; to the end
that we may obtain forgiveness of the
same, by his infinite goodness and mercy.

And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

The congregation prays

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; spare thou them, O God, which

confess their faults, restore thou them that are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Bishop of Chester says

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The congregation prays

**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.
For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory, For ever and
ever. Amen.**

The Preces

*Please remain seated as the Choir sings the
following short prayers known as The Preces.*

○ Lord, open thou our lips.
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

○ God, make speed to save us.
○ 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.

The Welcome

The Dean adds informal words of welcome.

The Psalm

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I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart : even before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy Name, because of thy loving-kindness and truth : for thou hast magnified thy Name and thy word above all things.

When I called upon thee, thou heardest me : and enduedst my soul with much strength.

All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O Lord : for they have heard the words of thy mouth.

Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the Lord : that great is the glory of the Lord.

For though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly : as for the proud, he beholdeth them afar off.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt thou refresh me : thou shalt stretch forth thy hand upon the furiousness of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

The Lord shall make good his loving-kindness toward me : yea, thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever; despise not then the works of thine own hands.

Please stand, if you are able, for the Gloria

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.

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Read by The Revd Kate Pwaisiho, Curate, St Wilfrid, Grappenhall

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, 'O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to present a defence to you in this matter. If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace

of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up.' Then Nebuchadnezzar was so filled with rage against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that his face was distorted. He ordered the furnace to be heated up seven times more than was customary, and ordered some of the strongest guards in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into the furnace of blazing fire.

So the men were bound, still wearing their tunics, their trousers, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the furnace of blazing fire. Because the king's command was urgent and the furnace was so overheated, the raging flames killed the men who lifted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. But the three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down, bound, into the furnace of blazing fire.

Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up quickly. He said to his counsellors, 'Was it not three men that we threw bound into the fire?' They answered

the king, 'True, O king.' He replied, 'But I see four men unbound, walking in the middle of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the fourth has the appearance of a god.' Nebuchadnezzar then approached the door of the furnace of blazing fire and said, 'Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!' So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king's counsellors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men; the hair of their heads was not singed, their tunics were not harmed, and not even the smell of fire came from them.

Nebuchadnezzar said, 'Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him. They disobeyed the king's command and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God.

Daniel 3:16-28

Here ends the first reading.

The Magnificat

*Please stand as the choir sings the canticle
Magnificat – Mary's song of praise.*

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my
spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded:
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

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.

Luke 1:46-55

Herbert Howells 1892-1983

Please be seated.

The Second Lesson

*Read by Jessica Needham, representing St
Wilfrid, Grappenhall*

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection.

Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 11:32-12:2

Here ends the second reading.

The Nunc Dimittis

*Please stand as the choir sings the canticle
'Nunc dimittis' – the song of Simeon.*

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.

Luke 2:29–32

Herbert Howells

The Apostles' Creed

*We remain standing to say the Apostles'
Creed.*

I believe in God,
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 Lesser Litany

Sung by the choir.

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Please sit or kneel.

Let us pray.

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.

○ Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

○ Lord, save the King.
And mercifully hear us
when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.

○ Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.

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

○ God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects for the Day, for Peace, and for aid against all perils

The Collect of the day

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Second 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.

The Third 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.

The Anthem

Please remain seated as the Choir sings the anthem.

I was glad when they said unto me:
we will go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand in thy gates:
O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is builded as a city:
that is at unity in itself.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls:
and plenteousness within thy palaces.

Psalm 122:1-3,6-7

Hubert Parry 1848-1918

The Collation and Installation

Please remain seated. The Archdeacon-designate comes forward to stand before the Bishop of Chester. Words of introduction may be said.

The Presentation

The Archdeacon-designate is presented to The Bishop by The Venerable Dr Mike Gilbertson, Archdeacon of Chester, and The Rt Revd Sam Corley, Bishop of Stockport, saying

Bishop Mark, we present to you Jane Proudfoot, to be collated and installed as Archdeacon of Macclesfield.

The Bishop replies

Thank you for your presentation.

The Bishop then says

Jane, are you willing to accept your call to this office?

The Archdeacon-designate replies

With the help of God, I am.

The Declaration and Oaths

The Bishop says

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?

The Archdeacon-designate says

I, Jane Elizabeth Proudfoot, 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 and administration of the sacraments, I will use only the forms of service which are authorized or allowed by Canon.

The Oath of Allegiance

I, Jane Elizabeth Proudfoot, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles III, his heirs and successors, according to law: so help me God.

The Oath of Canonical Obedience

I, Jane Elizabeth Proudfoot, do swear by Almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Chester and his successors in all things lawful and honest: So help me God.

The Archdeacon-designate and the Bishop sign the Declaration and Oaths.

The Collation

The Bishop receives the Letter of Collation and reads it, then prays

Almighty God, loving Saviour of the world, and giver of all good gifts:
hear our prayers for this your servant Jane, called to serve
as Archdeacon of Macclesfield.
By your Holy Spirit,
may she be strengthened for the tasks before her in her new ministry.
May she be richly blessed,
and through her work
may you richly bless your people,
to the glory of your name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Archdeacon is vested in her cope by the Bishop of Stockport.

The Bishop of Chester says

This Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary is a place of daily prayer and worship at the heart of our Diocese. It is a place that all can call home, and provides the opportunity for discovery, encounter and faith for everyone who comes here. As the seat of the Bishop, it is often the focus for our diocesan life together.

You are to be made a member of the College of Canons of this Cathedral. The College is a community of fellowship and mutual support which, as a focus for unity, enables the Bishop, Cathedral and Diocese to work together for the building up of the kingdom of God. As a member of the College, you should seek to contribute to the corporate life of the Cathedral and to promote its mission and service in the Diocese and the wider church.

Bishop Mark hands the mandates to the Dean saying

Mr Dean, receive this mandate empowering and requiring you to induct and install Jane Proudfoot into the seat designated to the Archdeacon of Macclesfield in this Cathedral Church.

As the organ plays, The Dean, accompanied by the other Residentiary Canons, leads the Archdeacon of Macclesfield to her stall at the East End of the Quire.

The Installation

The Dean says

Jane, having been made Archdeacon, I ask you to declare before those present your commitment to fulfil the tasks to which you are called, before I place you in your stall.

The Archdeacon of Macclesfield says

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: I, Jane Proudfoot, duly appointed Archdeacon of Macclesfield and thereby made a member of the College of Canons of this Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary in Chester, declare that, to the utmost of my power, I will faithfully discharge the duties and responsibilities given into my care in this Diocese of Chester, and will in all things uphold the honour, dignity and sanctity of this Cathedral Church, as befits a minister of Christ.

The Dean installs the Archdeacon saying

I, Timothy Richard Stratford, Dean of the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary at Chester, by virtue of this mandate from the Right Reverend Father in God, Mark Simon Austin Tanner, by divine permission Bishop of Chester, do induct and install you, Jane, as Archdeacon of Macclesfield into the real and actual possession of the assigned canonry and stall, with all the rights and duties of the said canonry.

Jane, the Lord preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth and for evermore.

Amen.

After the Archdeacon has been installed, music is played while the procession returns to the Nave. Please remain seated for the sermon.

The Sermon

The Archdeacon of Macclesfield

Hymn

Please stand to sing together

In Christ alone my hope is found,
he is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save:
till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied –
for every sin on him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain:
then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine –
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand:
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Stuart Townend b. 1963

*IN CHRIST ALONE
Keith Getty b. 1974*

The Intercessions

Please be seated. The prayers are led by Deb Toole, PA to the Archdeacon of Macclesfield, and George Colville, Diocesan Secretary. The response is

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We conclude with the Grace.

**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.**

Hymn

Please stand to sing together

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 Saviour 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!

Timothy Dudley-Smith b. 1926
based on Luke 1:46-55

WOODLANDS
Walter Greatorex 1877-1949

Please remain standing.

Blessing

The Bishop of Chester says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Please stand as the choir and clergy process out. You are invited to sit or to leave quietly as the Organ Voluntary is played.

The Voluntary

Finale (Symphonie No. 6)

Charles-Marie Widor 1844-1937

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