



CHESTER
CATHEDRAL

Choral Evensong
with the Collation and
Installation of The
Revd Anthony Lees-Smith
as
Residentiary Canon

27th July 2024
4.15pm

Preacher:
The Bishop of Chester

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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Throughout the service, please only stand where indicated if it is comfortable for you to do so.

Music

Preces and Responses

Joanna Forbes L'Estrange b.1971

Psalm 130 & 131

Canticles Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis in D
minor *Thomas Attwood Walmisley 1814-56*

Anthem O Lord, look down from heaven
Jonathan Battishill 1738-1801

Voluntary Flourish for an Occasion
William Harris 1883-1973

We welcome The Thames Philharmonic Choir to sing our services this weekend, while the Chester Cathedral Choir is on their summer break.

COLLECTION

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We need your help to make sure that services like this one can continue and that we can keep the doors open for everyone. Thank you for your generous contributions.

The Order of Procession

The Choir

Verger

Visiting Clergy

The Archdeacon of Loughborough and
The Archdeacon of Leicester

The Chapter of Leicester Cathedral

The Chapter Clerk of Chester Cathedral

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The Dean

The Bishop of Chester

The Bishop's Chaplain

Please stand, if you are able, to sing together

Hymn

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
*all are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
*all are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.

Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us
*all are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
*all are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter
*all are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Marty Haugen b. 1950

*TWO OAKS
Marty Haugen*

The Preces

Please remain standing as the Choir sings the following short intercessory 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

*Please be seated for an informal welcome from
The Very Revd Dr Tim Stratford, Dean of
Chester.*

The Psalms

PSALM 130

Out of the deep have I called unto thee,
○ Lord : Lord, hear my voice.

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

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

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

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

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

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

And he shall redeem Israel :
from all his sins.

PSALM 131

Lord, I am not high-minded :
I have no proud looks.

I do not exercise myself in great matters :
which are too high for me.

But I refrain my soul, and keep it low, like
as a child that is weaned from his mother :
yea, my soul is even as a weaned child.

O Israel, trust in the Lord :
from this time forth for evermore.

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 Lesson

read by The Revd Canon Irving Richards, Priest in Charge of St Stephen, North Evington, Leicester

The first reading is written in the prophecy of Ezekiel, chapter thirty-six, beginning to read at the twenty-second verse.

Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. I will sanctify my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them; and the nations shall know that I am the LORD, says the Lord GOD, when through you I display my holiness before their eyes. I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will

put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Thus says the Lord GOD: On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the towns to be inhabited, and the waste places shall be rebuilt. The land that was desolate shall be tilled, instead of being the desolation that it was in the sight of all who passed by. And they will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined towns are now inhabited and fortified.' Then the nations that are left all around you shall know that I, the LORD, have rebuilt the ruined places, and replanted that which was desolate; I, the LORD, have spoken, and I will do it.

Ezekiel 36:22-29, 33-36

Here ends the Old Testament reading.

*Please stand as the Choir sings the canticle,
The Magnificat, the Song of the Virgin Mary*

The Magnificat

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.

Please be seated.

The Second Lesson

*read by Jen Stratford, Chester Cathedral
Education Officer*

The second reading is written in the letter of James, the fifth chapter, beginning at the seventh verse.

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Indeed we call blessed those who showed endurance. You have heard of the endurance of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

Above all, my beloved, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your 'Yes' be yes and

your 'No' be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

James 5:7-end

Here ends the New Testament reading.

*Please stand as the Choir sings the canticle,
Nunc Dimittis, the Song of the prophet Simeon
in greeting the Christ Child.*

The Nunc Dimittis

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 Thomas Attwood Walmisley 1814-56

*We remain standing and turn to face east to
affirm our faith.*

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

*The Responses, Lord's Prayer and Collects are
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

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

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.

Please remain seated as the Choir sings

The Anthem

O Lord, look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory: where is thy zeal and thy strength, thy mercies toward me? Are they restrained?

Isaiah 63:15

Jonathan Battishill 1738-1801

Please remain seated.

The Sermon

The Bishop of Chester

THE LICENSING, COLLATION AND INSTALLATION

The Revd Anthony Lees-Smith is presented to the Bishop of Chester by The Venerable Richard Worsfold, Archdeacon of Leicester and Jo Sykes, former Chair of the Nominations Committee of Chester Cathedral.

Bishop Mark, we present to you The Revd Anthony Lees Smith to be collated as a Residentiary Canon in this Cathedral Church.

The Bishop responds

I thank you for your presentation.

Oaths and declarations

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?

Anthony makes the Declaration of Assent and takes the Oaths of Allegiance and Obedience.

I, Anthony James Lees-Smith, 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 authorised or allowed by Canon.

I, Anthony James Lees-Smith, 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.

I, Anthony James Lees-Smith, do swear by Almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Bishop of Chester

and his successors in all things lawful and honest: so help me God.

The documents are signed.

The Collation

Anthony, a Residentiary Canon is called as a member of the Chapter, led by the Dean, to play a role in the governance and life of the Cathedral, and always endeavour to strengthen the whole corporate life, worship, mission and work of the Cathedral. The Chapter have assigned to you specific responsibility, alongside your colleagues, for leading the Cathedral's mission through education and learning; social engagement; and art, performance and word.

He reads the Deed of Collation, and then prays

Almighty God, loving Saviour of the world, and giver of all good gifts:

hear our prayers for this your servant

Anthony, called to serve as Canon

Residentiary of this Cathedral Church.

By your Holy Spirit,

may he be strengthened for his ministry.

May he be richly blessed,

and through his work

may you richly bless your people,
to the glory of your name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Bishop Mark receives the mandate and hands it to Carolyn Bruce, Chapter Clerk, saying

Having duly and canonically admitted our well-beloved Canon Anthony Lees-Smith to the office of a Residentiary Canon, I empower and request The Dean to install him in this Cathedral Church.

The Chapter Clerk receives the Bishop's mandate, then during the hymn leads the new Canon to the Dean to be installed.

Hymn

Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round,
the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings
weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till it become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Bianco da Siena d.1434

DOWN AMPNEY

R. Vaughan Williams 1872-1958

*Please be seated. The Chapter Clerk hands the
mandate to the Dean and says*

I present to you the mandate of the Bishop
requiring you to induct and install Anthony
Lees-Smith as a Residentiary Canon.

Members of the College of Canons stand.

Standing by the Canon's stalls, the Dean says

Anthony, as required by the Statutes of this Cathedral Church, I ask you to now make the necessary declaration in the presence of the Chapter before I place you in your stall.

Canon Anthony replies

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: I, Anthony James Lees-Smith, duly appointed Residentiary Canon of this Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary in Chester, declare that, to the utmost of my power, I will safely maintain, and cause to be safely maintained, the possessions, and the rights, liberties and privileges, and whatsoever pertains to this Church, and that I will steadfastly keep, and so far as in me lies cause others to keep, all and every the customs and statutes thereof; and that I will not knowingly hinder whatsoever what may lawfully be done for the advantage and honour of the said Church, but that I will seek to secure and augment the same. I will earnestly discharge the duties given into my care to the utmost of my power.

Placing Canon Anthony in his stall, Dean Tim says

I, Timothy Richard Stratford, Dean, by virtue of the Mandate from the Right Reverend Father in God, Mark Simon Austin Tanner, by divine permission Bishop of Chester, do induct and install you, Anthony James Lees-Smith into the real and actual possession of the canonry and stall, with all the rights, members and appurtenances thereof.

The College of Canons sits. Anthony's colleagues vest him in his Cathedral cope and the Dean says

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

Amen.

The congregation is invited to greet Canon Anthony with a round of applause.

The Intercessions

led by The Revd Canon Anthony Lee-Smith. 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.**

Please stand to sing the hymn, during which a collection is taken for the work of this Cathedral Church.

Offertory Hymn

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

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,
not in a royal house or hall
but in a stable dark and dim:
the Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save;
in lonely suffering on the cross
for all he loved, his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
empty the tomb, for he was free;
he broke the power of death and hell
that we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand
by all creation glorified;
he sends his Spirit on his church
to live for him, the Lamb who died.

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

Edward Burns b. 1938

FULDA

William Gardiner 1770-1853

The Dean and Residentiary Canons join The Bishop at the High Altar steps.

The Blessing

The Bishop of Chester says

God the Father, who has given to his Son
the name above every name,
strengthen you to proclaim
Christ Jesus as Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you,
now and always.

Amen.

*Please remain standing as the procession
leaves, then sit for the organ voluntary.*

*Evensong is followed by a reception to which
all are very welcome.*

The Voluntary

Flourish for an Occasion

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