



CHESTER
CATHEDRAL

Trinity 9

**Choral Evensong with
installation of Canons**

28th July 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.

We're a paperless Cathedral and are working to save paper. The service can be downloaded to your device using the QR code at the entrance to the quire, or by visiting [Services - Chester Cathedral](#)

Throughout the service, please only stand where indicated if it is comfortable for you to do so. Our services this weekend are sung by the Thames Philharmonic Choir.

Music

Preces and Responses

Joanna Forbes L'Estrange b.1971

Psalm 138

Canticles Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis in A
C V Stanford 1852-1924

Anthem All wisdom cometh from the Lord
Philip Moore b.1943

Voluntary Final (Symphonie II)
Louis Vierne 1870-1937

COLLEGE OF CANONS

Today we will install a new Canon Theologian and ten new Lay Canons into the following stalls:

Canon Theologian

Chine McDonald

George Herbert

Lay Canons

Stephen Broadbent

Aelthelflaed

Emily Dean

Boniface

John Freeman

Dunstan

David Hermitt

Clare of Assisi

Charles Hobson

Columba

Mark Mitchell

Werburgh

Eunice Simmons

Alphege

Martin Smith

Wilfred

Jo Sykes

Hugh of Lincoln

Joelle Warren

Hilda of Whitby

Two further Lay Canons and two Canons Director will be installed later this year.

COLLECTION

The Cathedral costs around £6000 a day to keep open, and we need your support.

We invite you to generously give to ensure our future: donations can be left with cash or using the **Contactless Donation Plates**. A sidesperson can assist you.

Via the Cathedral Website

www.chestercathedral.com/donate

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.

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

Hymn

New songs of celebration render
to God who has great wonders done;
love sits enthroned in ageless splendour;
come and adore the mighty One.
God has made known the great salvation
which all the saints with joy confess.
God has revealed to every nation
truth and unending righteousness.

Joyfully, heartily resounding,
let every instrument and voice
peal out the praise of grace abounding,
calling the whole world to rejoice.
Trumpets and organs set in motion
such sounds as make the heavens ring;
all things that live in earth and ocean,
sound forth the song; your praises bring.

Rivers and seas and torrents roaring,
honour the Lord with wild acclaim;
mountains and stones, look up adoring,
and find a voice to praise God's name.
Righteous, commanding, ever glorious,
praises be sung that never cease:
just is our God, whose truth victorious
establishes the world in peace.

Erik Routley 1972

*RENDEZ À DIEU
Louis Bourgeois 1543*

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, The Very Revd Dr Tim Stratford,
adds informal words of welcome.*

The Psalm

138

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 David Hermitt

The wisdom of the scribe depends on the opportunity of leisure;

only the one who has little business can become wise.

How can one become wise who handles the plough,

and who glories in the shaft of a goad, who drives oxen and is occupied with their work, and whose talk is about bulls?

He sets his heart on ploughing furrows, and he is careful about fodder for the heifers.

So it is with every artisan and master artisan who labours by night as well as by day;

those who cut the signets of seals,

each is diligent in making a great variety; they set their heart on painting a lifelike image,

and they are careful to finish their work.

So it is with the smith, sitting by the anvil, intent on his ironwork;

the breath of the fire melts his flesh, and he struggles with the heat of the furnace;

the sound of the hammer deafens his ears,
and his eyes are on the pattern of the
object.

He sets his heart on finishing his
handiwork, and he is careful to complete
its decoration.

So it is with is the potter sitting at his work
and turning the wheel with his feet;
he is always deeply concerned over his
products,

and he produces them in quantity.

He moulds the clay with his arm
and makes it pliable with his feet;
he sets his heart on finishing the glazing,
and he takes care in firing the kiln.

All these rely on their hands,
and all are skilful in their own work.

Without them no city can be inhabited,
and wherever they live, they will not go
hungry.

Yet they are not sought out for the council
of the people, nor do they attain eminence
in the public assembly.

They do not sit in the judge's seat,
nor do they understand the decisions of
the courts; they cannot expound discipline
or judgement, and they are not found
among the rulers.

But they maintain the fabric of the world,

and their concern is for the exercise of their trade.

How different the one who devotes himself to the study of the law of the Most High!

Ecclesiasticus 38:24-end

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

CV Stanford 1852-1924

Please be seated.

The Second Lesson

Read by Joelle Warren

Now the main point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent that the Lord, and not any mortal, has set up. For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; hence it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer. Now if he were on earth, he would

not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law. They offer worship in a sanctuary that is a sketch and shadow of the heavenly one; for Moses, when he was about to erect the tent, was warned, 'See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain.' But Jesus has now obtained a more excellent ministry, and to that degree he is the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted through better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no need to look for a second one.

God finds fault with them when he says: 'The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah;

not like the covenant that I made with their ancestors,

on the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; for they did not continue in my covenant, and so I had no concern for them, says the Lord.

This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their minds,
and write them on their hearts,
and I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.
And they shall not teach one another
or say to each other, “Know the Lord”,
for they shall all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest.
For I will be merciful towards their
iniquities,
and I will remember their sins no more.’

Hebrews 8

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.

The Apostles' Creed

We remain standing and turn east 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.

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

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

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

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

The Collect of the day

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.

The Second Collect at Evening Prayer

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.

All wisdom cometh from the Lord,
and is with him forever.

Who can number the sand of the sea and the
drops of rain and the days of eternity?

Who can find out the height of heav'n,
and the breadth of the earth and the deep and
wisdom.

Wisdom hath been created before all things
and the understanding of prudence from
everlasting.

The word of God most high is the fountain of
wisdom, and her ways are everlasting
commandments.

To whom hath the root of wisdom been
revealed? Or who hath known her wise
counsels?

There is one wise and greatly to be feared, the Lord sitting upon his throne.

He created her, and saw her and number'd her, and poured her out upon all his works.

She is with all flesh according to his gifts, and he hath given her to them that love him.

The fear of the Lord is honour and glory and gladness, and a crown of rejoicing.

The fear of the Lord maketh a merry heart and bringeth joy and gladness and a long life.

Teach me O Lord the way of thy statutes: and I shall keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding and I shall keep thy law; yea I shall keep it with my whole heart.

Make me go in the way of thy commandments: for therein is my desire. O stablish thy word in thy servant:

that I may fear thee.

Behold my delight is in they commandments.

O quicken me in thy righteousness.

*Ecclesiasticus 1:1-12
& Psalm 119:33-40*

Philip Moore b.1943

In conversation

The Dean and Chine McDonald in conversation.

The Collation of Canons

Those to be collated as Canons come forward to stand before the Bishop of Chester. Words of introduction may be said and then the Bishop 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 members 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 receives the Letters of Collation and reads them. He then hands the mandates to the Chapter Clerk saying

Receive these mandates empowering and requiring the Dean to induct and install these persons as Canon Theologian and as Lay Canons of this Cathedral Church.

The Chapter Clerk and the new Canons move to the West End of the Quire. The Chapter Clerk hands the mandates to The Dean, saying

I present to you the mandates of the Bishop requiring you to induct and install these persons as Canons of this Cathedral Church.

The Dean receives the mandates. He leads the Canon Theologian to her designated seat and installs her, 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, Chine McDonald, as Canon Theologian into the real and actual possession of the assigned canonry and stall, with all the rights and duties of the said canonry.

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

Amen.

The Dean then says

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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, N...

*He then installs each Canon into their seat,
and concludes by saying*

...as Lay Canon into the real and actual
possession of the assigned canonry and
stall, with all the rights and duties of the
said canonry.

The Lord preserve your going out and
your coming in from this time forth
and for evermore.

Amen.

*After all the Canons have been installed, The
Dean returns to his seat.*

The Intercessions

Led by The Dean. 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, if able, to sing

God is Love, let heav'n adore him;
God is Love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him
and exalt him with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
God who spread the heav'ns above,
God who breathes through all creation:
God is Love, eternal Love.

God is Love; and love enfolds us,
all the world in one embrace:
with unfailing grasp God hold us,
ev'ry child of ev'ry race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then we find that self-same aching
deep within the heart of God.

God is Love; and though with blindness
sin afflicts all human life,
God's eternal loving kindness
guides us through our earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

Timothy Rees 1874-1939

*ABBOT'S LEIGH
Cyril V. Taylor 1907-92*

Blessing

Please remain standing as The Bishop says

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
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

Final (Symphonie II)

Louis Vierne 1870-1937

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