



CHESTER
CATHEDRAL

Trinity 9

Choral Evensong with installation of Canons

29th September 2024
3pm

Preacher:
The Rt Revd Dr Mark Tanner
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. Today's service is sung by the Cathedral's Nave Choir.

Music

Preces and Responses

Philip Moore b.1943

Psalms 142, 143

Canticles The Hereford Service
Richard Lloyd 1933-2021

Anthem Venit Michael Archangelus
G. P. da Palestrina c. 1525-94

Voluntary

Ricercar a 3 BWV 1079/i J S Bach 1685-1750

COLLEGE OF CANONS

Today we will install a new Lay Canon and two Canons Director into the following stalls:

Canons Director

Simon Chesters

Thomas Becket

Peter Froggatt

Patrick

Lay Canon

David Briggs

Ranulph Higden

One further Lay Canon will be installed later this year.

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.

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

Hymn

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones,
raise the glad strain, alleluia!
Cry out dominions, principedoms, powers,
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs,
 alleluia, alleluia,
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim,
more glorious than the seraphim,
lead their praises, alleluia!
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord,
 alleluia, alleluia,
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
ye patriarchs and prophets blest,
alleluia, alleluia!
Ye holy Twelve, ye martyrs strong,
all saints triumphant, raise the song
 alleluia, alleluia,
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing,
alleluia, alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
 alleluia, alleluia,
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Athelstan Riley 1858-1945 LASST UNS ERFREUEN
 ad. Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958

The Preces

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

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

O God, make speed to save us.
O 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 Psalmody

Psalm 142

I cried unto the Lord with my voice :
yea, even unto the Lord did I make my
supplication.

I poured out my complaints before him :
and shewed him of my trouble.

When my spirit was in heaviness thou
knewest my path : in the way wherein I
walked have they privily laid a snare for me

I looked also upon my right hand : and saw
there was no man that would know me.

I had no place to flee unto :
and no man cared for my soul.

I cried unto thee, O Lord, and said :
Thou art my hope, and my portion
in the land of the living.

Consider my complaint :
for I am brought very low.

O deliver me from my persecutors :
for they are too strong for me.

Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give
thanks unto thy Name :
which thing if thou wilt grant me, then shall
the righteous resort unto my company.

Psalm 143

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and consider my desire : hearken unto me for thy truth and righteousness' sake.

And enter not into judgement with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground : he hath laid me in the darkness, as the men that have been long dead.

Therefore is my spirit vexed within me : and my heart within me is desolate.

Yet do I remember the time past; I muse upon all thy works : yea, I exercise myself in the works of thy hands.

I stretch forth my hands unto thee : my soul gaspeth unto thee as a thirsty land.

Hear me, O Lord, and that soon, for my spirit waxeth faint : hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

O let me hear thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning, for in thee is my trust : shew thou me the way that I should walk in, for I lift up my soul unto thee.

Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies :
for I flee unto thee to hide me.

Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth
thee, for thou art my God :
let thy loving Spirit lead me forth
into the land of righteousness.

Quicken me, O Lord, for thy Name's sake :
and for thy righteousness' sake bring my
soul out of trouble.

And of thy goodness slay mine enemies :
and destroy all them that vex my soul;
for I am thy servant.

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 Peter Froggatt, Director of Outreach, Diocese of Chester

On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was standing on the bank of the great river (that is, the Tigris), I looked up and saw a man clothed in linen, with a belt of gold from Uphaz around his waist. His body was like beryl, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and the sound of his words like the roar of a multitude. I, Daniel, alone saw the vision; the people who were with me did not see the vision, though a great trembling fell upon them, and they fled and hid themselves. So I was left alone to see this great vision. My strength left me, and my complexion grew deathly pale, and I retained no strength. Then I heard the sound of his words; and when I heard the sound of his words, I fell into a trance, face to the ground.

But then a hand touched me and roused me to my hands and knees. He said to me, 'Daniel, greatly beloved, pay attention to the words that I am going to speak to you. Stand on your feet, for I have now been

sent to you.’ So while he was speaking this word to me, I stood up trembling. He said to me, ‘Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia opposed me for twenty-one days. So Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, and I left him there with the prince of the kingdom of Persia, and have come to help you understand what is to happen to your people at the end of days. For there is a further vision for those days.’

While he was speaking these words to me, I turned my face towards the ground and was speechless. Then one in human form touched my lips, and I opened my mouth to speak, and said to the one who stood before me, ‘My lord, because of the vision such pains have come upon me that I retain no strength. How can my lord’s servant talk with my lord? For I am shaking, no strength remains in me, and no breath is left in me.’

Again one in human form touched me and strengthened me. He said, ‘Do not fear,

greatly beloved, you are safe. Be strong and courageous!’ When he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, ‘Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.’ Then he said, ‘Do you know why I have come to you? Now I must return to fight against the prince of Persia, and when I am through with him, the prince of Greece will come. But I am to tell you what is inscribed in the book of truth. There is no one with me who contends against these princes except Michael, your prince.

Daniel 10:4-end

Here ends the Old Testament 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

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Please be seated.

The Second Lesson

Read by David Briggs CVO MBE KStJ

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'

Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living

creatures and the twenty-four elders fell
before the Lamb, each holding a harp and
golden bowls full of incense, which are the
prayers of the saints. They sing a new song:
‘You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slaughtered and by your
blood you ransomed for God
saints from every tribe and language and
people and nation;
you have made them to be a kingdom and
priests serving our God,
and they will reign on earth.’

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of
many angels surrounding the throne and
the living creatures and the elders; they
numbered myriads of myriads and
thousands of thousands, singing with full
voice,
‘Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth
and wisdom and might
and honour and glory and blessing!’

Then I heard every creature in heaven and
on earth and under the earth and in the
sea, and all that is in them, singing,
‘To the one seated on the throne and to
the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory
and might for ever and ever!’

And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!'
And the elders fell down and worshipped.

Revelation 5

Here ends the New Testament 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

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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.

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

O 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

O everlasting God, who hast ordained and constituted the services of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: mercifully grant that, as thy holy angels alway do thee service in heaven, so by thy appointment they may succour and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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.

Venit Michael archangelus cum multitudine angelorum; cui tradidit Deus animas sanctorum, ut perducatur eas in paradysum exultationis.

The archangel Michael came with a multitude of angels, he to whom God entrusted the souls of the saints, that he might guide them to the kingdom of Heaven.

*Responsory at Matins G.P. da Palestrina c. 1525-94
on the feast of St Michael and All Angels*

Homily

The Rt Revd Dr Mark Tanner,
Bishop of Chester

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 Canons Director and as Lay Canon 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 Canons Director to their designated seats and installs them, 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, N, as Canon

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

N, 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 Revd Canon Simon Chesters,
Director of Ministry, Diocese of Chester, and
Canon Director. 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, if able, to sing the hymn.

Hymn

Bright the vision that delighted
once the sight of Judah's seer;
sweet the countless tongues united
to entrance the prophet's ear.

Round the Lord in glory seated
cherubim and seraphim
filled his temple, and repeated
each to each the alternate hymn:

'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
earth is with its fullness stored;
unto thee be glory given,
holy, holy, holy Lord.'

Heaven is still with glory ringing,
earth takes up the angels' cry,
'Holy, holy, holy,' singing,
'Lord of hosts, the Lord most high.'

With his seraph train before him,
with his holy Church below,
thus unite we to adore him,
bid we thus our anthem flow:

'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
earth is with its fullness stored;
unto thee be glory given,
holy, holy, holy, Lord.'

Richard Mant 1776-1848

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Richard Redhead 1820-1901

Blessing

Please remain standing as The Bishop says

God keep you
in the fellowship of his saints;
Christ protect you
by the ministry of the angels;
the Spirit make you holy in God's service;
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

Ricercar a 3 BWV 1079/i J S Bach 1685-1750

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