



**Service of Welcome
and Installation
of**

**The Right Reverend Deborah Mary Sellin
as the 39th Bishop of Peterborough**

**Sunday March 3rd 2024
3.00pm**



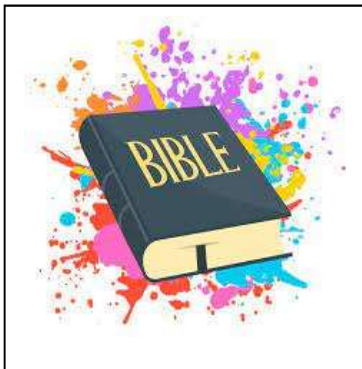
WELCOME!

Thank you for being here today. We are so glad you have come and pray you will sense God with you during the service.

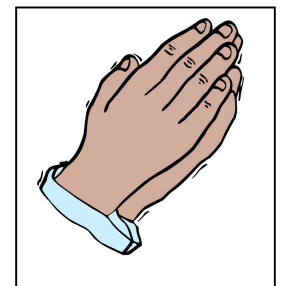
What is happening today?

In today's service we welcome Bishop Debbie to care for, teach and lead the Church of England in mission here in Peterborough and across Northamptonshire and Rutland.

Parts of the service are formal and serious, reminding us all of the importance of her calling. In parts of the service she will be welcomed by people representing the wider church and community life. At one point, Bishop Debbie will be invited to sit in a special seat, called the "cathedra". That is where the name *Cathedral* comes from.



There will be plenty of music to help us celebrate and reflect, prayers for Bishop Debbie, the Church and the World, and we will hear some Bible readings which Bishop Debbie has chosen and will use to talk about her faith in Jesus.



We hope you enjoy the spectacle and the atmosphere. And we hope that this booklet helps you to understand some of the things that you will see take place.

A message from Bishop Debbie

It is a delight and honour to be installed today as the 39th Bishop of Peterborough and I am privileged to be called by God to take on this role. Having grown up in a Christian family, I have felt the presence of Jesus throughout all my life and it is he who will equip and strengthen me to fulfil this ministry.

Today we gather from across our diverse region and represent the many communities, parishes, schools and chaplaincies that make up the Diocese of Peterborough. Together we are seeking the direction of travel that God is calling us to pursue as we live as salt and light, bringing the love of Jesus to those around us.

In the book of Isaiah, we are given a picture of life in God's Kingdom, a place of hope, where the blind can see and the deaf can hear, where those who are weak can experience the strength of God, where fear is transformed and where people find their way home to God. My prayer today is that across the Diocese of Peterborough we will dare to hope in the breaking-in of God's Kingdom on earth as in heaven.

+Debbie



Archbishop's Charge

When Bishop Debbie was confirmed as the next Bishop of Peterborough, the Archbishop of Canterbury said this to her:



You are to be charged with many important tasks and ministries in your calling as a Bishop in the Church of England. There will be much for you to consider, great challenges to face, as well as I pray, great joy along the way.

Remember the most important thing for you as a Bishop is not who you are but whose you are. Hold fast to Christ, do not lose sight of Him, and He will guide you in all things.

You are called to lay a place for both the young and the elderly, those who are poor and those who are wealthy, those who society loves and those whom society despises alike, and to be a safe place where God's children may gather in all our glorious diversity and difference to celebrate the image of God in one another.

At this critical time in our stewardship of God's creation, may you have creativity to ensure God's people are characterised by the same love for this world that caused our creator to give His son.

By your love, liberate the Diocese to be confident in their witness, bold in their hopes and faith-filled in their dreams of joining in God's work to make the Kingdom of heaven known here on Earth. May you serve those within it as Christ calls us to, and to care particularly for those who are suffering, distressed and isolated.

So may the Lord of heaven, who gives you the will to undertake these things, give you also the strength to perform them; and may His grace and blessing be with you at all times. Amen.

++Justin Cantuar

BEFORE THE SERVICE

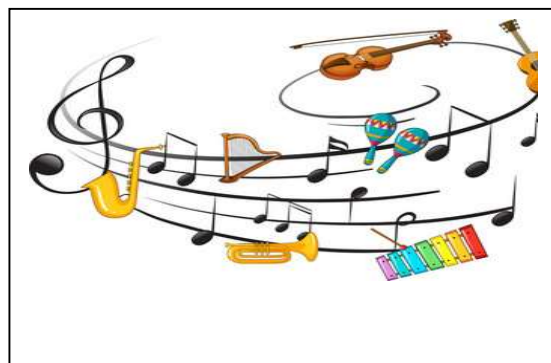
Music will be played in the Cathedral whilst different groups from the Church and community enter the church in procession:

Peterborough City Praise Band:

*How great is our God
(This is) Amazing Grace
What a beautiful name
God with us*

All Saints C of E School, Kingsthorpe, directed by James Bonsor:

*You raise me up
Blinded by your grace*



Organ music, played by Harvey Stansfield, Cathedral Organ Scholar:

*Prelude in E flat BWV 552
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
Adagio (Symphonie V in F minor)
Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)*

The Cathedral Choir and Youth Choir are directed by Tansy Castledine, Director of Music.

The Organ is played for the service by Chris Strange, Organist.

All the music in the service has been chosen specially for today by Bishop Debbie herself.

Which pieces of music do you enjoy the most?

**Sometimes Christians say they feel close to God when they sing to Him.
What do you notice as you listen and sing?**

ORDER OF SERVICE

The Greeting

The Dean (who leads the Cathedral) greets the congregation:

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.



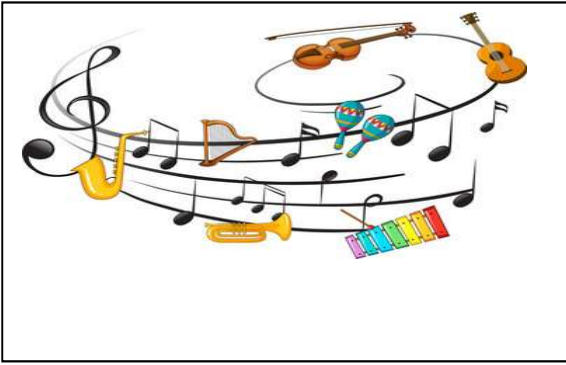
On behalf of the Chapter and Foundation of Peterborough Cathedral, welcome. We have gathered to welcome our new Bishop to the Diocese and into her Cathedral. We are here to ask God's blessing on Debbie's ministry, and to pray that God will give us all grace to follow Christ's example of sacrificial love.

Let us pray.

God our Father, Lord of all the world,
through your Son you have called us
into the fellowship of your universal Church:
hear our prayer for your faithful people
that in their vocation and ministry
each may be an instrument of your love,
and give to your servant Debbie, our bishop,
the needful gifts of grace;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.





All stand to sing
Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our forebears in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless,
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him;
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847)
Tune: Praise my soul



The Welcome

The Bishop arrives at the West Door. She strikes the door three times with her staff, an organ fanfare is sounded, and the doors are opened. The Dean says

Bishop Debbie,
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ
we welcome you to your diocese
and to your cathedral church.

All: In the name of the Lord we welcome you!



Children from church schools across the diocese ask the following questions:

Children: Who are you and why do you request entry?

Bishop: I am Debbie, a servant of Jesus Christ, and I come as one seeking the grace of God, a pilgrim with you in faith and service.

Children: Why have you been sent to us?

Bishop: I am sent as your Diocesan Bishop to proclaim the love of Christ and with you to worship God with heart and soul, mind and strength.

Children: What gives you confidence to minister among us?

Bishop: I come knowing nothing except Jesus Christ and him crucified, trusting that his strength is made perfect in my weakness.

Dean: Let us humble ourselves together, enter the house of the Lord, and seek God's mercy and strength.

The Bishop says

I thank you for your welcome
and ask you to pray for me,

that I may be a faithful pastor,
teacher and servant of this diocese.

Let us go to the font,
where our common life in Christ begins.

The procession moves to the font, and the Dean sprinkles Bishop Debbie with water as a reminder of her baptism in Christ.

Baptism is the time when Christians use water as a sign of being made new and part of the Christian family. They leave their old life in the water, and come out of the water all new.

What would you like to leave behind in the water?



As the procession continues to the nave altar, the Cathedral Choir sings the following anthem.

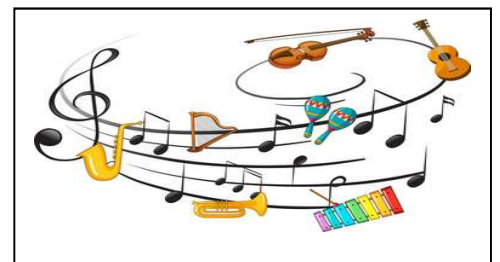
Anthem

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:
serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:
it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise:
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting:
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.



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.

Words: Psalm 100

Music: William Walton (1902-1983)

At the end of the anthem, all sit.

The Reading of the Mandate

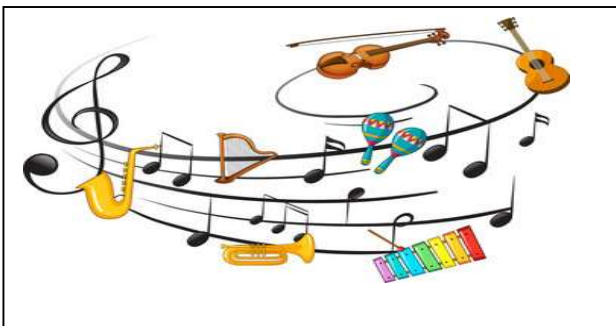
The Mandate is a special message from the Archbishop of Canterbury to Bishop Debbie, brought by the Archdeacon of Canterbury who works closely with the Archbishop.

What will you remember of the Archbishop's message?

The Declarations

Bishop Debbie is then invited to make four promises. These are important promises so lawyers are involved. For some of these she is holding a Bible which is around 800 years old!

What will you remember of the Bishop Debbie's promises?



Choir Anthem

The Choir sing whilst Bishop Debbie signs to say she has made the promises

View me, Lord, a work of thine!
Shall I then lie downed in night?
Might thy grace in me but shine,
I should seem made all of light.
Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel
At thine altar pure and white;
They at once thy mercies feel,
Gaze no more on earth's delight.

Worldly joys like shadows fade
When the heavenly light appears;
But the covenants Thou hast made,
Endless, know not days nor years.

In thy word, Lord, is my trust,
To thy mercies fast I fly;
Though I am but clay and dust,
Yet thy grace can lift me high.

Words: Thomas Campion (1567-1620)
Music: Richard Lloyd (1933-2021)

The Anointing

Oil is often used at special occasions in Church. Now Bishop Debbie is anointed with oil to mark this moment in her life.

The people doing this are the Bishop of Brixworth, the Archdeacon of Oakham, and the Archdeacon of Northampton. These are people who will help and support Bishop Debbie lead the Church.

The words the Bishop of Brixworth says remind Bishop Debbie of her baptism.

The words the Archdeacon of Oakham says remind Bishop Debbie of her ordination as a deacon.

The words the Archdeacon of Northampton says remind Bishop Debbie of her ordination as a priest.

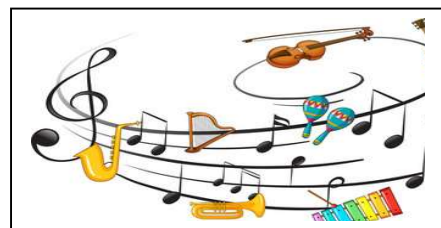
Why do you think Bishop Debbie's head is anointed?



Why do you think her hands are anointed?



After she has been anointed, Bishop Debbie kneels as children from All Saints C of E School Kingsthorpe sing



Words: Numbers 6:42
Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)

The Installation

The procession moves further into the Cathedral, leading Bishop Debbie near to her “cathedra”, the special seat reserved for her.

Song

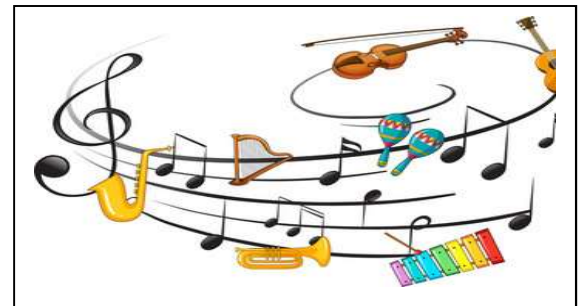
Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me.

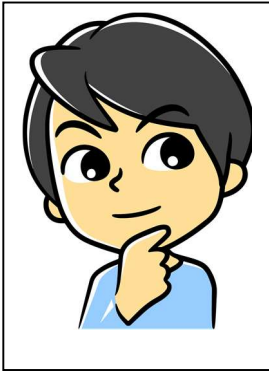
Behold Him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Saviour and my God.

Words: Charitie Lees Bancroft (1841-1923)

Music: Vikki Cook



Holding the Archbishop’s Mandate, the Archdeacon of Canterbury takes the Bishop by the right hand and leads her to her Cathedra.



As Bishop Debbie takes her seat, imagine you are sitting there.

How would you love God to use you now, and in the future?

A student from Bishop Stopford School, Kettering, says:

Jesus said “Truly, I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” Bishop Debbie, always remember that you are a child of God.



The Bishop replies

I will, with the help of God;
for you I am a bishop,
but with you I am a fellow Christian.
Let us pray:

God our Father, Lord of all the world,
through your Son you have called us into the
fellowship of your universal Church:
hear our prayer for all your faithful people
that in their vocation and ministry
each may be an instrument of your love,
and give to all your servants the needful gifts of grace
to fulfil the calling you have placed upon their lives;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.



The Presentation and Peace

The Choir sings Te Deum Laudamus, an ancient hymn of praise. Whilst they do this, Bishop Debbie is welcomed by a variety of people from within the diocese, and across the counties of Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire and Rutland.



Te Deum

We praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee: the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud: the heavens and all the powers therein.
To thee Cherubin and Seraphin continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee.
The noble army of Martyrs praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee;
The Father of an infinite Majesty;
Thine honourable, true and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man:
Thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death:
Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God: in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,

Whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage.
Govern them and lift them up for ever.
Day by day we magnify thee;
And we worship thy name, ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

Music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

The Dean presents the Bishop, saying the following

I present to you Debbie, our Diocesan Bishop.

Receive her in love and obey her in truth,
that together we may give ourselves
to the work of God in the world,
to the praise and glory of his holy name.

All: Amen.



We give the Bishop a round of applause and an organ fanfare is played!



The Affirmation of Commitment

The senior leaders of the diocese join Bishop Debbie on the platform and promise to serve well together. The Bishop says:

As we share the leadership of Christian ministry in this diocese and cathedral church, let us pledge ourselves to the task to which we have been called.

Supported by your prayers,
we pledge ourselves to the pastoral care
of the clergy and laity of this diocese and its mother church,
and to the continuing mission of the Church of God,
in the name of Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Bishop Debbie will be leading with a team. How do you find being part of a team helps you?



The Peace

This part of the service helps us express how we all belong together as God's family. The Bishop introduces the Peace, saying

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us,
and as a pledge of what is to come
has given us the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

People often shake hands at this point, or give each other a wave!



Hymn

Christ is the one who calls, the one who loved and came,
to whom by right it falls to bear the highest name:
and still today our hearts are stirred
to hear his word and walk his way.

Christ is the one who seeks, to whom our souls are known.
The word of love he speaks can wake a heart of stone;
for at that sound the blind can see,
the slave is free, the lost are found.

Christ is the one who died forsaken and betrayed;
who, mocked and crucified, the price of pardon paid.
Our dying Lord, what grief and loss,
what bitter cross, our souls restored!

Christ is the one who rose in glory from the grave,
to share his life with those whom once he died to save.
He drew death's sting and broke its chains,
who lives and reigns, our risen King.

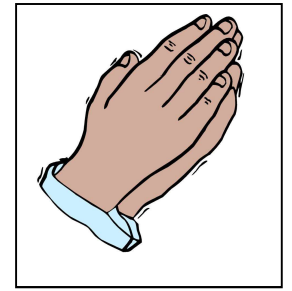
Christ is the one who sends, his story to declare;
who calls his servants friends and gives them news to share.
His truth proclaim in all the earth,
his matchless worth and saving name.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)
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The Bishop then prays

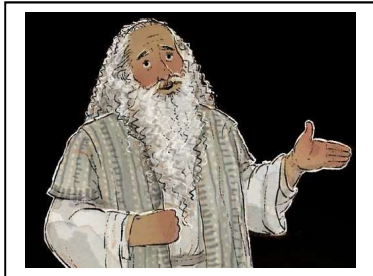
Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy
but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.



Bible Readings

Bishop Debbie has chosen two Bible readings for today's service



The first is from the Old Testament, that part of the Bible from before Jesus' life on earth. It is very old, written in about 700BC by a prophet called Isaiah. Prophets look ahead to help us imagine and work for the kind of world which pleases God.

What do you think Isaiah is imagining could be different in the world today?

Bishop Debbie's husband Paul reads this reading.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is

your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.'

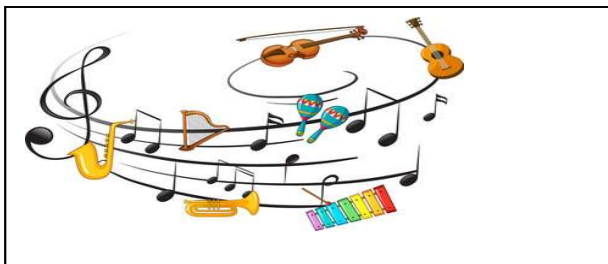
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.



A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Isaiah 35

Hymn



Be still, for the presence of the
Lord, the Holy One, is here.
Come, bow before him now, with
reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the Spirit of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place,
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him;
be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Words and music: David Evans (b. 1957)



The second Bible reading is from the New Testament. It is part of Matthew gospel, which retells the story of Jesus' life and teaching. Here Jesus is starting a long section of teaching called the Sermon on the Mount and describes what it can be like to live under God's rule.

What do you think Jesus means when he says you are salt and you are light?

Revd Marta, who has only been a member of the clergy for a short while, is reading this.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

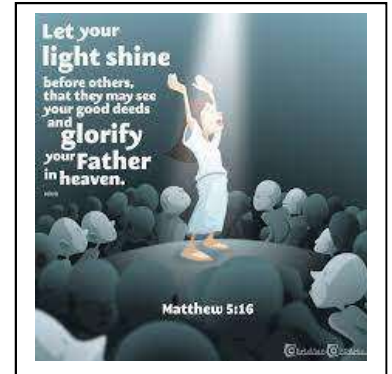
'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.



Sermon

Bishop Debbie talks about the Bible readings and explains what is important about them for her and for the Church's mission.

What will you remember of what Bishop Debbie said?

Prayers

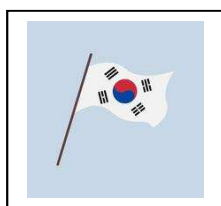
Bishop Debbie is joined by people from various churches to lead us in prayer.

When one of them says:

Lord, hear us.

Then we all say:

Lord, graciously hear us.



We have a special connection with the Church in South Korea. Bishop Titus Kim has travelled all the way to be with us today and he prays in his own language.

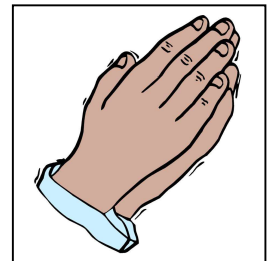
전능하신 하느님, 성자 예수 그리스도께서는 거룩한 사도들에게 여러 가지 은총을 허락하시어 주님의 양 떼를 보살피는 직분을 주셨나이다. 비오니, 피터버러 교구의 교구장으로 부르신 Debbie 주교에게 은총을 내리시어 주님의 교회를 섬기고 인도하게 하소서. 성부와 성자와 성령과 함께 한 분 하느님이신 우리 주 예수 그리스도의 이름으로 기도하나이다. 아멘.

This means:

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has granted many graces to your apostles to guide and protect your flock. Give your servant, Debbie, whom you have called to be the Bishop of Peterborough, grace and wisdom to serve and lead Your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Bishop Debbie concludes the prayers by inviting us to say the Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name;
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.**





Poem

*Written and performed by Breannah Holton,
sixth form student, Poet Laureate of the
King's (The Cathedral) School, Peterborough*

Breathe in.

In the beginning, love existed, perfect love,
love between three, three were One, in the beginning.

Breathe out.

Out of the One flowed all things,
and from all things flowed goodness,
and from goodness flowed love and beauty.

Breathe in.

This beauty and love and goodness,
in praise is given back to the One.
He is adorned in His beloved's worship,
and they are His and He is theirs.

Breathe out.

And yet the One chooses to outpour
more than what his creation could ever give.
His creation therefore learns how to live,
in a world where grace is freely given and they inherit in fullness,
though once being wayward.

Breathe, for from Him are all things and to Him are all things,
glory to God who is the centre of life and reason for love.

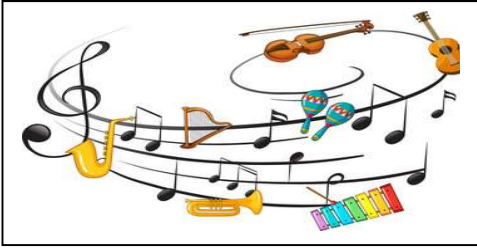
Breathe, knowing breath belongs to the three that is One,
We, His bride do not praise Him for what He has done,
or the promises He has made, the love, the outpouring,
or the fact we are saved.

But for who He is, glory to God:

For from Him are all things and to Him are all things,
praise the God of the universe.

based on Romans 11:36

Song



*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
worship his holy name;
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul....

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul....

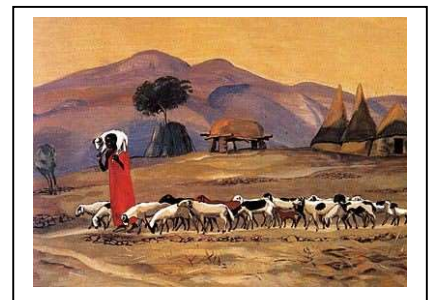
And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul....

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Giving of the Crozier



*Bishop Debbie is given something
called a Crozier which is resting on
the altar. Bishops are meant to be
like a Good Shepherd, who looks
after their sheep.*



How can you look after people as well?

The Blessing and Dismissal

Hymn



*We sing as Bishop Debbie
goes to the cathedral
entrance, and the doors are
opened*



Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

*Bishop Debbie says a prayer to bless the city,
then returns to the front on the cathedral.*



Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation, perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–88)

Tune: Blaenwern

What have you enjoyed most about the service today?

What would you like to find out more about?

Who do you want to tell about what you've experienced today?

***Thank you so much for coming!
We hope your bag will remind you of this special day
and what it means for Bishop Debbie and for you.***

***Enjoy looking through your bag to think about what it means to be
someone who leads like Jesus who looks after people like a good
shepherd looks after their sheep***

