

**Service of Welcome
and Installation
of**

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

**Sunday March 3rd 2024
3.00pm**



Notices and information

The congregation is asked to enter Peterborough Cathedral by the West Door and to be seated by 2.20pm.

Toilets are available outside the South Transept doors. Ask a Cathedral steward if you're not sure how to find them.

A collection will be taken during the hymn on page 24. Electronic card payment is available if you prefer.

Children There are special booklets available from the welcome desk to help children follow the service.

Accessibility The service will be signed. Please indicate if you need to be seated within view of the interpreters.

Please ensure that your phone is turned off so that it does not disturb other worshippers.

This service will be livestreamed. If you do not wish to appear in the broadcast, please ask the stewards to show you to seats outside the range of the camera.

**Photography, video and sound recording
are not permitted during this service,
except by authorized personnel.**

Thank you for your understanding!

Action to be taken on hearing the fire alarm:

- 1 Calmly leave the Cathedral by the nearest fire exit
- 2 Stewards will direct persons in wheelchairs to the appropriate fire exit
- 3 Assemble on the green outside the West Front

About this service

When bishops are consecrated, they are reminded that their call is to be 'shepherds of Christ's flock and guardians of the faith of the apostles, proclaiming the gospel of God's kingdom and leading his people in mission. Obedient to the call of Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit, they are to gather God's people and celebrate with them the sacraments of the new covenant'.

In today's service we welcome Bishop Debbie to her diocese as pastor, teacher, and leader in mission. The Dean gives a formal welcome, the Archbishop's mandate is read and the legal formalities are completed. The new Bishop is then sprinkled with water as a reminder of the baptism in which all Christians are called to share, and anointed with oil of chrism blessed in the Cathedral on Maundy Thursday, as we pray that she will be filled anew with the Holy Spirit to undertake her ministry here.

After the anointing, the service moves to the Presbytery for the Installation. The earliest symbol of a bishop's office is the episcopal seat, or *cathedra*, from which the Cathedral takes its name. This seat is a sign of the bishop's authority to teach the faith; it is also known as the bishop's throne, not as a sign of status or privilege, but from the Greek word *thronos*, the chair in which a teacher sat before their students. The Archdeacon of Canterbury, representing the Archbishop, places the new Bishop in the seat from which she will exercise her ministry of teaching, leadership and mission.

Bishop Debbie is then greeted by representatives of the diocese, the three counties of Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire and Rutland, and of other denominations and faiths, as the Cathedral choir sings the Church's ancient song of praise, *Te Deum laudamus*. This reminds us that the Bishop's ministry is never just to those who already belong, but as a sign that faith has a role to play in our public and civic life and the wider issues that concern us all.

The Word of God is then proclaimed, and the Bishop preaches her first sermon among us. Prayers are offered by a range of different voices before Bishop Debbie is presented with the diocesan crozier, left on the altar by Bishop Donald at his farewell service in January 2023. She then pronounces God's blessing on the city and diocese, before sending the people out from the Cathedral to take up their shared ministry in the Gospel.

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.

I am married to Paul, who is a Professor of Physics at Surrey University, and we have two sons – Jonny is married to Aneka, and Tom is married to Annabelle. We enjoy the time we can spend together and look forward to making memories in our new home.

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 Petriburg

Archbishop's Charge

To our well beloved in Christ, Deborah Mary Sellin, now Bishop and Pastor of the Diocese of Peterborough, Greeting.

You are to be charged with many important tasks and ministries in your vocation 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.

Amidst all the responsibility that rests on your shoulders, remember that your ministry, and the church itself, does not depend on you. 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. May He guide you in building relationships with our neighbours across the nation and our brothers and sisters around the global Anglican Communion, so in our unity and our fellowship the world might know Christ Jesus is Lord.

You are called to lead the Diocese in discerning its particular vision for God's ministry and mission. 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.

Remember that as Christ suffered, you too are called to suffering. The suffering of those you will encounter and to whom you will minister, which all of creation suffers. There is also suffering that will come because of this role that you now enter.

It is that suffering which is at the heart of this Charge. A Bishop is called first and foremost to carry the cross. Its weight, its roughness and its burden will vary from place to place and time to time, but it will always be heavy and require sacrifice. Prepare yourself in deep prayer and contemplation of the crucified Christ.

Like Jesus Christ himself, the only response to the suspicions and difficulties you will encounter is love and unconditional grace. You have the Cure of Souls, the care of all people in your Diocese, of all faiths and none. Take especially seriously your duty and oath to know and to be known by the people of the Diocese.

In the midst of much fear and uncertainty, encourage the Diocese to be courageous in the Gospel. 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 recognise and empower the gifts of those you are called to serve, to encourage lay people and clergy alike in their journeys of discernment.

And finally, may you be present in part of your community, as our Lord Jesus Christ was. May you serve those within it as Christ calls us to, and to care particularly for those who are suffering, distressed and isolated, seeking to ease the burdens of those we serve by our deeds and words.

You are called to be a seeker and speaker of truth and justice and ensure that the Diocese of Peterborough is a place where children and vulnerable adults are safe, and the highest standards of safeguarding are upheld.

All goodness comes from God alone. Tend to your own spiritual life, in prayer and study, that you may hear His word, Receive His spirit, and do His work. So may the Lord of heaven, who gives you the will to undertake these things, give you also the strength to perform them, and by His divine providence, may His holy angels succour and defend you on earth; and may His grace and blessing be with you at all times. Amen.

++Justin Cantuar

MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

From 1.30pm the Cathedral bells will ring a quarter peal.
The congregation is asked to take their seats by 2.20pm

**The following music will be performed in the Cathedral from around
2.20pm:**

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
Brendan Graham and Rolf Loveland
arranged by Roger Emerson

Blinded by your grace
Stormzy

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.

Processions and timings:

At 2.35 pm **all remain seated** as the procession of licensed lay ministers enters the cathedral

At 2.40 pm **all remain seated** as the procession of lay chairs of deanery synods and diocesan clergy enter the cathedral

Verger
Lay Chairs of Deaneries in the Diocese
Lay Ministers
Clergy with PTO
The Diocesan Clergy

At 2.45 pm **all remain seated** as the procession of diocesan officials, representatives of other faiths and ecclesiastical dignitaries enter the cathedral

Verger
The Chair of the Diocesan House of Laity
The Diocesan Secretary
Representatives of other Faiths
Ecumenical Representatives
Visiting Clergy
Visiting Bishops

At 2.50 pm **all stand** as the Vice Dean escorts visiting Mayors and the Mayor and Mayoress of Peterborough to their seats

Remain standing as the Dean escorts the procession of His Majesty's Lord Lieutenants to their seats

Verger
The High Sheriff of Rutland
The High Sheriff of Northamptonshire
The High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire
His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Rutland
His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire
His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire

Once these dignitaries have taken their seats, **please sit**

ORDER OF SERVICE

At 2.58pm the Dean welcomes the congregation informally from the ambo

At 3.00pm, organ music is played as the cathedral procession moves by way of the South Aisle to the Nave in this order:

Cross and Lights

The Head Students of The King's School
The Headmaster and Deputy Headteacher of The King's School
The Cathedral Choir
The Director of Music

Vergers
The College of Canons
Lay Members of Chapter
The Canons Residentiary
The Archdeacons of Oakham and Northampton

Vergers
The Diocesan Registrar and Deputy Registrar
The Deputy Chancellor and Chancellor of the Diocese
Bishop Ed Condry and Bishop Andrew Proud
The Bishop of Brixworth
The Head Vergers
The Dean

Canterbury Vesturer
The Provincial Registrar
The Archdeacon of Canterbury

The Greeting

The Dean 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



1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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 Dean, the Chancellor of the Diocese and the Registrar move to the West Doors.
All turn to face them.*

The Welcome

The Bishop arrives at the West Door, accompanied by Bishop Richard Frith

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.

*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)*

The Bishop, the Dean, the Chancellor of the Diocese and the Diocesan Registrar move to the Nave platform.

*At the end of the anthem, **all sit.***

The Canterbury Vesturer leads the Archdeacon of Canterbury, accompanied by the Provincial Registrar, to the Nave platform

The Reading of the Mandate

The Archdeacon of Canterbury says to the Dean

Mr Dean, I bring you greetings from his Grace, the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury and present you with his Mandate for the installation.

The Dean replies

We welcome you to this cathedral church,
and thank you for bringing greetings from Justin,
our Most Reverend Father in God.

The Dean receives the Mandate from the Archdeacon and hands it to the Diocesan Chancellor saying

Let the Mandate be read.

The Diocesan Chancellor reads the Mandate and returns it to the Archdeacon

The Declarations and Oaths

The Preface to the Declaration of Assent is read by the Dean:

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 Bishop says

I, Deborah Mary Sellin, 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 those forms of service which are authorised or allowed by Canon.

The Provincial Registrar administers the Oaths of Allegiance and Due Obedience, saying

Bishop Debbie, before us your witnesses, I ask you to make your Oath of Allegiance to His Majesty The King and your Oath of due Obedience to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Holding a Bible used at Peterborough Abbey in the thirteenth century, the Bishop says

I, Deborah Mary Sellin, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles the Third, his heirs and successors, according to law: so help me God.

I, Deborah Mary Sellin, Bishop of the Church and See of Peterborough, do profess and promise all due reverence and obedience to the Archbishop and the Metropolitan Church of Christ in Canterbury and to their successors: so help me God, through Jesus Christ.

The Dean then asks the Bishop, holding the same Bible, to take the Oath of Fidelity

Bishop Debbie, I ask you to make the Declaration of Fidelity to the Constitution and Statutes of this Cathedral Church and to commit yourself to lead this diocese faithfully as together we seek to fulfil the mission of Christ in our time.

The Bishop says

I, Deborah Mary Sellin, by divine permission Bishop of Peterborough, duly elected and confirmed, do swear by Almighty God that I will be a faithful pastor to the clergy and people of this diocese, and I do solemnly declare that I will faithfully uphold and observe the Constitution and Statutes, Ordinances and Laudable Customs of the Cathedral Church of St Peter, St Paul and St Andrew, Peterborough, so far as they are not contrary or repugnant to the law of God and the statutes of this Realm, and will promote such works as may be fitly done therein for the service of God and the benefit of his Church: so help me God.

Choir Anthem

during which the Declarations and Oaths are signed

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)*

Remain seated

A short silence is kept

The Anointing

The Bishop of Brixworth says

As the Father anointed our Lord Jesus Christ
through the power of the Holy Spirit,
so may he pour out upon you the gifts of the same Spirit
to reconcile, strengthen and sanctify his people,
now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Archdeacon of Oakham anoints the forehead of the Bishop, saying

Remember that at your baptism
you were signed upon the forehead with the cross of Christ,
that you might fight valiantly under his banner
against sin, the world and the devil,
and continue his faithful soldier and servant to your life's end.
Therefore may God give you grace to continue in his way.
The Lord keep you and defend you, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Archdeacon of Northampton anoints the Bishop's left hand, saying

Remember that when you were made a deacon
in the Church of God
you were called to share in the ministry of Christ,
who took the form of a servant,
and came not to be served but to serve;
who taught us that whoever would be great among us
must be the servant of all.
May God give you grace to continue in his way.
The Lord keep you and defend you, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Bishop of Brixworth anoints the Bishop's right hand, saying

Remember that when you were made a priest
in the Church of God
you were given care of the people in your charge:
to watch over them,
to absolve them and bless them in God's name,
and to proclaim the gospel of salvation.
May God give you grace to continue in his way.
The Lord keep you and defend you, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Bishop of Brixworth says

Remember too that the ring you wear on your right hand
is a sign of unity, trust and authority.
Proclaim the Gospel boldly, confront injustice,
and work for righteousness and peace in the world
May God give you grace to continue in his way.
The Lord keep you and defend you,

All: now and for ever. Amen.

Bishop Debbie kneels as children from All Saints C of E School Kingsthorpe sing

The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you
and give you peace. Amen.

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

The Installation

The Dean, standing before the Bishop, says to the Archdeacon of Canterbury:

Mr Archdeacon, I ask you to place Bishop Debbie in her seat according to the mandate of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

All stand to sing as the procession moves to the Presbytery

Song

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n 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

Sit

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

By virtue of the Mandate of the Most Reverend Father in God Justin Portal by Divine Providence Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, I, William Jonathan Adam, Archdeacon of the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ in Canterbury, induct and install you, Deborah Mary Sellin, into possession of the Bishopric of Peterborough with its rights and dignities and all its opportunities for service; and I place you in the episcopal seat of this Cathedral Church of St Peter, St Paul and St Andrew in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

A student from Bishop Stopford School, Kettering, addresses the Bishop

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, during which the Bishop returns to the Nave, is welcomed by and greets civic and ecclesiastical representatives from within the diocese, and across the counties of Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire and Rutland:

Mrs Julie Spence

His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire

Mr James Saunders Watson

His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Northamptonshire

Dr Sarah Furness

His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Rutland

Councillor Nicholas Sandford

Mayor of Peterborough

Peter Cantley

Diocesan Director of Education

accompanied by a student from William Law C of E School, Peterborough

The Revd Helen Cameron

Chair of Northamptonshire Methodist District, President of Churches Together in England, and Ecumenical Canon of Peterborough Cathedral

Canon Michael Harrison

Vicar General of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Northampton

The Most Revd Peter Lee

Primate of Korea and Bishop of Seoul

Canon Andrew Presland

Chair of the House of Laity

Revd Jenny Bland
Rural Dean of Wellingborough

Abdul Choudhuri
Chair of Peterborough Joint Mosque Council

Rizwan Rahemtulla
Vice Chair, Burton Street Mosque

Michael Necus
representing the Jewish community in Northampton

Hassan Shah
representing the Muslim community in Northampton

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)

Stand

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.

The new Bishop is greeted with applause, and an organ fanfare is played

The Affirmation of Commitment

The Dean, the Bishop of Brixworth, the Archdeacons of Oakham and Northampton and the Diocesan Secretary stand with the Bishop

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.

The Bishop and her colleagues say together

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.

The Peace

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.

All: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

A sign of peace is exchanged.

Please respect the needs of those who prefer to do so without physical contact.

A collection is taken during the following hymn:



1. 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.

2. 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.

5. 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.

3. 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!

4. 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.

The Bishop 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.

Sit

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading *Isaiah 35*

Read by Professor Paul Sellin

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Stand

Hymn



1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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)

Gospel Acclamation

The congregation responds after the Choir:



Choir: I chose you and appointed you, says the Lord,
that you should go and bear fruit that shall last.

All repeat:



Gospel Reading *Matthew 5: 1-10, 13-16*
read by *The Revd Marta Brothers, first-year curate*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew



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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

The Right Reverend Debbie Sellin
Bishop of Peterborough

Prayers

The Bishop introduces the prayers

In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ, let us pray for the Church and for the world, and especially for the mission and ministry of the Diocese of Peterborough.

The prayers are led by the Diocesan Secretary, the Chaplain to Peterborough City Hospital, a member of the diocesan internship scheme, the Mayor of Uppingham, and a member of the cathedral Community Forum.

Kneel or sit

We pray for all Christian people: for Debbie our Bishop, John, Bishop of Brixworth, for all the parishes, chaplaincies and communities within this diocese; for our link diocese of Korea, and for the whole Church of God throughout the world.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for Charles our King, the leaders of the nations and those in authority under them; for all who represent us in local and national government and all who are responsible for maintaining law and order in society, and for all who work for justice and peace throughout the world.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for children and young people, and those who help them to flourish and grow; and for all who work and study in schools, colleges and universities, that they may be granted wisdom, vision, and a desire to seek the truth and use it for the common good.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for all who are bowed down with grief, fear or sickness: for the poor, the hungry, the persecuted and the neglected; for all who are in hospital, in prison or in care; and for all who are anxious and lonely.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

We give thanks for all who have died in the faith of Christ: and as we rejoice in the fellowship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Peter, Saint Paul, Saint Andrew and all the saints, we pray that we may share with them in the glory of your heavenly kingdom.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

The Rt Revd Titus Kim, Bishop of Daejeon, then prays in Korean a prayer specially written for this service and translated by The Revd Byung Jun Kim:

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.

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.**

The Bishop of Peterborough concludes the prayers by saying:

Looking for the coming of your Kingdom,
we pray for ourselves and for one another in the words Our Lord
himself taught us:

**All: 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

Stand

*During the following song, the Bishop of Peterborough, the Bishop of Brixworth
and the Dean move to the altar*

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

Words and music © Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

Giving of the Crozier

The Bishop of Brixworth takes the Diocesan Crozier from the altar, hands it to the Bishop of Peterborough, and says:

Debbie, receive this pastoral staff.
Keep watch over the flock
of which God has appointed you shepherd.
Encourage the faithful, restore the lost,
build up the body of Christ,
for the sake of him who gave his life for the sheep,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Blessing and Dismissal

Hymn

*as the Bishop goes to the West Door accompanied by the Bishop's Chaplain,
and the doors are opened*



I. 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.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–88)
Tune: Blaenwern

Blessing of city and diocese

The Bishop stands in the doorway facing out into the city, and says

God bless this city and diocese,
its parishes, chaplaincies and communities,
and all who live, work and worship here.
May he visit you with mercy,
surround you with love,
and fill your hearts with courage, strength and peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

All:

As the Bishop returns to the Nave altar dais, we sing the remaining verses of the
Hymn



2. 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.

3. 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

Final Blessing

Remain standing

The Bishop pronounces the Blessing on the congregation:

All: The Lord be with you
And also with you.

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord.
Both now and for ever.

All: Our help is in the name of the Lord.
Who made heaven and earth.

All: God the Holy Trinity
make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side,
and guide you in truth and peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Dean says

All: Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary

Finale (Symphonie VI)
Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Please remain standing until the processions have left

Following the service, refreshments will be served in the New Building. Please follow the direction of the stewards.



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