



**NEWCASTLE
CATHEDRAL**

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

FOR THE LOVE AND MERCY OF GOD

**WITH FAREWELL TO BISHOP CHRISTINE
AND AWARD OF THE FREEDOM
OF THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE**

**THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING
SUNDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2021 AT 4PM**



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND



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**A warm welcome to
Newcastle Cathedral.**

**All are invited to join
Bishop Christine and Roger
for light refreshments
in the Cathedral following this service.**

Suggested posture is indicated in the booklet. Please feel free to sit or kneel if standing is difficult for you.

Opening Voluntary

Two Trumpet Tunes and Aire

Henry Purcell 1659-95

Order of Service

As the Cathedral bells chime 4 o'clock, the Cathedral Choir enters and sings:

The Introit

O come, ye servants of the Lord,
and praise his holy name.
From early morn to setting sun
his might on earth proclaim.

His laws are just, and glad the heart:
he makes his mercies known.
Ye princes come, ye people too,
and bow before his throne.

Psalm 113: 1, 3

Christopher Tye (c1505–c1572)

The Welcome

the Very Rev'd. Geoff Miller, Dean of Newcastle

*The Dean invites all to **stand** to sing.*

The Processional Hymn



*Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

**Come, let us follow where our Captain trod,
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God.**

**Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in unity combine.**

**Each new-born servant of the Crucified
bears on their brow the seal of him who died.**

**This is the sign which Satan's legions fear
and angels veil their faces to revere.**

**Saved by this Cross whereon their Lord was slain,
God's fallen children their lost home regain.**

**From north and south, from east and west they raise
in growing unison their song of praise.**

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us unto thee.**

**Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
of him who saves our souls from death and hell.**

**From farthest regions let them homage bring,
and on his Cross adore their Saviour King.**

**Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing peace.**

**For thy blest Cross which doth for all atone
creation's praises rise before thy throne.**

*Words: George William Kitchen (1827-1912)
and Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956)*

*Tune: Crucifer NEP 641
Music: Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)*

*During the hymn, the procession of robed ministers, and guests enters through
the West Doors together with Bishop Christine, and they take their places.*

Please remain standing as the Bishop leads

The Call to Worship

All God has rescued us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the Kingdom of his beloved Son.

All Stand strong then, in the faith we have in Christ,
for our hope is laid up in heaven.

All As the Word of Truth has borne fruit in all creation,
may it bear fruit in our lives.

All Let us not cease praying for the knowledge of God's will.
that we may be filled with wisdom from the Spirit.

All God has rescued us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the Kingdom of his beloved Son.

cf. Colossians 1:3-13

Silence is kept.

Loving God, we have come to worship you.
**All Help us to pray to you in faith,
to sing your praise with gratitude,
and to listen to your word with eagerness;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Bishop greets the congregation

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

Please sit or kneel for the prayers of confession.

The Dean introduces

The Invitation to Confession

I set no store by life: I only want to finish the race
and complete the task which the Lord Jesus assigned to me,
of bearing witness to the gospel of God's grace.

Acts 20.24

Conscious of our failure to proclaim the gospel,
let us call to mind our sins:

Silence is kept.

'I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink.'
Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

'I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,
naked and you did not clothe me.'
Christ, have mercy.
All Christ, have mercy.

'I was sick and you did not visit me,
in prison and you did not come to me.'
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

The Bishop pronounces

The Absolution

The almighty and merciful Lord
grant you pardon and forgiveness of all
your sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Rejoicing in the forgiveness of our sins, the Cathedral Choir sings:

The Anthem

I was glad when they said unto me:
We will go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand in thy gates:

○ Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is builded as a city:
that is at unity in itself.

○ pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls:
and plenteousness within thy palaces.

Words: Psalm 122.1-3, 6-7

Music: Hubert Parry (1848-1918)

The Collect

The Bishop introduces a time of silent prayer, saying:

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order
to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson

Ezekiel 36: 22a & 23-28

*read by Canon Izzy Macdonald-Booth
Chair of the House of Laity*

Therefore say to the house of Israel, “Thus says the Lord God:

²³ ‘I will sanctify my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them; and the nations shall know that I am the Lord, says the Lord God, when through you I display my holiness before their eyes.

²⁴I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. ²⁵I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

²⁶A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances.

²⁸Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.’ ”

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

We stand to sing

The Gradual Hymn



**And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?**
*Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me? (repeat)*

**'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies:
who can explore his strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine.**
*'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,
let angel minds enquire no more. (repeat)*

**He left his Father's throne above -
so free, so infinite his grace.
Emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.**
*'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me! (repeat)*

**Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night.
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray.
I woke - the dungeon flamed with light,
*My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee. (repeat)***

**No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own. (repeat)**

Charles Wesley (1707–88)

*Sagina 216i H&P
published by Thomas Campbell
in his Bouquet, 1825*

Please sit for

The Second Lesson

Matthew 5:13-16

*read by Rev'd. Canon Brian Hurst
Chair of the House of Clergy*

Jesus said, '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 under foot.

¹⁴ 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.

¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ 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 word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.



The Sermon

delivered by the Bishop of Newcastle.

The sermon may be followed by a few moments of silence for reflection, before the Cathedral Choir sings

The Anthem

O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord all the whole earth.
Sing unto the Lord and praise his Name:
be telling of his salvation from day to day.
For he cometh to judge the earth:
and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with his truth.

James MacMillan (b 1959)

Psalm 96: 1–2, 13

Please kneel, or remain seated for

The Prayers

led by the Revd. Canon Pete Askew, Chaplain to the Bishop of Newcastle

After each bidding, the following response is used:

Lord, hear us...

All **Lord, graciously hear us**

The Bishop of Møre, our link Diocese in Norway sings:

A Blessing on Bishop Christine

‘The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace and give you peace.’
+ Amen.

The prayers conclude as the intercessor leads us in

The Lord's Prayer

Looking for the coming of his kingdom,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**All 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.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

We stand to sing



**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.
*Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.***

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.**

**Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.**

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.**

**Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.**

Words and Music: Bernadette Farrell (b.1957)

Sing Praise 13

We remain standing as the Bishop gives the blessing:

The Blessing

The Father, whose glory fills the heavens,
cleanse you by his holiness
and send you to proclaim his word.

All Amen.

The Son, who has ascended to the heights,
pour upon you the riches of his grace.

All Amen.

The Holy Spirit, the Comforter,
equip you and strengthen you in your ministry.

All Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty, (+)
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Please sit.

Liturgy of Farewell

A Farewell Tribute

The Dean invites the following people to offer a farewell to Bishop Christine and Roger on behalf of the Diocese, the wider church, and the civic life of our region:

- Mrs Sue Winfield OBE, Lord Lieutenant of Tyne and Wear
- The Rt Rev'd. Ingeborg Midttømme, Bishop of Møre, Church of Norway
- Mrs Pam Walker MBE and the Rev'd. Fiona Sample, on behalf of the Oswin Project, of which Roger is a Trustee
- The Rt Rev'd. Mark Wroe, Bishop of Berwick

Presentation of the Freedom of the City of Newcastle

*introduced by Councillor Nick Forbes CBE,
Leader of Newcastle City Council.*

*Presented by the Lord Mayor of Newcastle, Councillor
Habib Rahman*



Please stand to sing

The Hymn



**Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong Deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.**

*Words: William Williams (1717-1791)
Translation: Peter Williams (1727-1796)
and others*

*Tune: Cwm Rhondda NEH 368
Music: John Hughes (1873-1932)*

Please remain standing for the

Final Prayers of Commendation

Bishop Christine prays for Mark, Bishop of Berwick and commends the Diocese for which she has cared, into God's hands, as she retires from her episcopal ministry in this place.

Holy God,
You have called Mark to be Bishop of Berwick, and I now entrust him with the episcopal care of this Diocese, as Acting Bishop of Newcastle, during the Vacancy in See.

May you hold him and guide him in this ministry, and may he know the companionship of the people of God for the path ahead.

For generations, you have called a people to follow you in this place. In this time of transition and change, may the people and clergy of the Diocese of Newcastle know your good hand upon them.

I thank you for the gift of them, and pray that they might know your presence and inspiration for the journey ahead.

In the name of Jesus Christ,

All Amen

The Laying Down of Office

The Cathedral Choir sings, as Bishop Christine and her husband Roger make their way to the High Altar.

There she lays down the crozier of the Bishop of Newcastle, and she and Roger proceed to the West Doors and leave the Cathedral.

*O magnum mysterium,
et admirabile sacramentum,
ut animalia viderent
Dominum natum,
iacentem in praesepe!*

O great mystery,
and wonderful sacrament,
that animals should see
the newborn Lord,
lying in a manger!

*Beata Virgo, cujus viscera
meruerunt portare
Dominum Iesum Christum.
Alleluia!*

Blessed is the virgin whose womb
was worthy to bear
the Lord, Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

Text: from the Mattins of Christmas

Music: Morten Johannes Lauridsen (b.1943)

The Bishop of Berwick leads

The Dismissal

Let us go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Recessional Voluntary

Finale from Symphony no 1

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

*Please **remain standing** as Bishop Mark and ministers depart, and then take your seats again until the conclusion of the Organ Voluntary.*



**Please join
Bishop Christine and Roger now,
if you are able,
for light refreshments.**





Rob Saner-Haigh
Canon in Residence

Geoff Miller
Dean

Ian Roberts
Director of Music



Please feel free to take this booklet away with you

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