



A Celebration  
of Ministry in the  
Diocese of Gloucester  
with the Inauguration  
of the Ministry of  
**The Right Reverend  
Rachel Treweek**  
as the 41<sup>st</sup> Bishop of Gloucester

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Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2015  
at 4.30pm

The Cathedral Church of Saint Peter and  
the Holy and Indivisible Trinity, Gloucester

## ¶ *Welcome to Gloucester Cathedral*

This service has only happened forty times in the last five hundred years. You are part of it today, whether present in person or by watching it live over the internet (and that's a first!). But the roots of what we will do here today go back even further to the days of early Christianity in this land, and indeed to Jesus himself from whom all our ministry and mission is derived.

In the North Ambulatory are lists of the names of the Abbots, Deans and Bishops of Gloucester. My name is there (it made my Dad very proud) and other names will follow. The most recent name inscribed there is that of Rachel Treweek, 41st Bishop of Gloucester. The very first name there is Kyneburga, who became the first Abbess of Gloucester in the year 681. She was the first and not the last, but even then the early Christians knew something about the rightful place of women in the leadership of the Church. Today, 1334 years on, we come full circle. Alleluia!

That this day is therefore unique is inescapable. But such talk must end soon. This day is about the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ through his Church, of which Rachel our Bishop is but a part of the baptized community of grace. Today is a new beginning, rooted in the past and with hope for a new future – and that really is Good News.

May God bless us and all his people afresh today. May he bless Rachel our Bishop. And may our City, County and Diocese be more and more changed from glory into glory, for the good of all people and for the glory of God, who is wonderfully the Holy and Indivisible Trinity.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen" with a horizontal line underneath the name.

*The Very Revd Stephen Lake  
Dean of Gloucester*

## ¶ *The Charge of the Archbishop of Canterbury to the Bishop of Gloucester*

To Our well beloved in Christ, Rachel Treweek, now Bishop and Pastor of the Diocese of Gloucester, Greeting.

Recalling God's mission entrusted by Christ to his Church to proclaim God's Kingdom, to heal the sick and to make disciples of all nations, I now set before you the key tasks identified for you by the Crown Nominations Commission, to guide you as you prepare to take up your new office and ministry.

- To encourage a rediscovery of faith, spirituality and vocation, building up a sense of energy and excitement in clergy and laity for what can be realised through the Gospel;
- To envision and equip clergy and laity to be purposefully evangelistic, focussed on mission and more confident in sharing their faith;
- To increase the sense of common vision, partnership and accountability across different ministry contexts, and between the central work of the Diocese and its parishes;
- To develop and shape effective structures for ministry in both urban and rural areas, mindful of the need for appropriate balance of resources across the Diocese;
- To lead the Diocese centrally and locally in constructive engagement with diverse communities to effect community transformation;
- To re-connect the Church with young people, students and young adults to encourage their engagement with the Gospel.
- To re-energise mission and ministry in schools, colleges and universities;

- To bring the local to the global and the global to the local in maintaining and developing the overseas links of the Diocese as part of the universal Church;
- With your fellow bishops, to exercise collegial leadership of the Church of England enabling it in the witness and mission to which we are called.

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Justin Welby". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

*The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby  
Archbishop of Canterbury  
15 June 2015*

## ¶ *Episcopal Collections 2015: The Diocese of Western Tanganyika*

The Christian message first came to Western Tanganyika one hundred years ago and since then the Gospel has continued to spread. In recent years the Church has experienced rapid growth in numbers and the small, original village church buildings are no longer adequate for the growing congregations. In many villages the people are building new, larger and stronger churches.

The local Christian people work hard themselves to build their new churches. They provide all the labour for digging and preparation of the foundations, they make the bricks themselves from the local red soil, build the walls using a sand-based cement and use locally-available timber. However, finding the money for the completion of the churches is a problem for the congregations which are almost entirely made up of self-sufficient farmers without a cash income. Cash is needed for aluminium roofing sheets, cement for the floors and internal fittings. Many church buildings around the Diocese are 'stuck' at this stage despite the best efforts and generous giving of the church members.

In 2016 the Diocese of Western Tanganyika will celebrate fifty years since its foundation. We hope, through our Episcopal Collections this year, to enable several villages to finish their churches in time for these celebrations.

For further information about any aspect of our partnership with the Diocese of Western Tanganyika, contact the link officer, the Reverend Debbie Forman, at [deborah.forman2@btinternet.com](mailto:deborah.forman2@btinternet.com) or by telephone on 01386 830302.

If you gift aid the money you give to this collection, the amount raised will be increased by 25%.

Thank you for your support.

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## *Information*

You are very welcome at this service in Gloucester Cathedral. A team of stewards is on duty to oversee your personal safety. They are wearing distinctive blue sashes and ribbon medals in red and silver which clearly identify them as stewards of Gloucester Cathedral. Please follow the direction of the stewards at all times, particularly in the unlikely event of a disturbance or the need to evacuate the building.

As you prepare for worship, please be sensitive to the needs of those around you who may wish to pray in silence. Please switch off all mobile telephones and do not use photographic, video or recording equipment at any time.



A hearing loop system is in operation in the Nave and the Quire. Hearing aids that are equipped to do so should be switched to the 'T' setting or the loop setting appropriate to your equipment.

Toilet facilities may be found through the Cloisters, as well as outside the Cathedral in College Green.

The Cathedral Choirs are directed by Adrian Partington and Nia Llewelyn Jones. The Choir of All Saints' Academy is directed by Mark Aitchison. The organist is Jonathan Hope.

Music is played before the service from 3.45pm, and includes *Toccata and Fugue in F*, BWV 540 by Johann Sebastian Bach.

Please remain seated as the processions of choirs, readers and clergy enter the Cathedral before the service.

The Dean will offer a personal welcome as the service begins and will provide further information to enable you to participate fully.

Please join in singing the hymns and in saying the words printed in **bold type** in this order of service.

## ¶ *The Welcome and Affirmation of Ministry*

### **The Welcome**

*Stand*

*The Dean of Gloucester, the Very Reverend Stephen Lake, welcomes the congregation, saying*

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

*All* **and also with you.**

Brothers and sisters in Christ,  
I welcome you to this Cathedral Church  
of Saint Peter and the Holy and Indivisible Trinity  
on this day of celebration and thanksgiving.

We are gathered to welcome Rachel, our new Bishop,  
to the Diocese and to her Cathedral,  
to place her in her episcopal seat  
as shepherd of Christ's flock and guardian of the faith,  
and to ask God's blessing on our ministry together.

*The Dean prays*

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 Rachel  
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.**

*Sit*

## **Introit**

*The Cathedral Choir sings the introit*

We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God:  
in the midst of thy temple. Alleluia.

O God, according to thy Name,  
so is thy praise unto the world's end:  
thy right hand is full of righteousness. Alleluia.

O Lord, send us now prosperity. Amen.

*Words: from Psalms 48 and 118*

*Music: William McKie*



## **The Reading of the Archbishop's Mandate**

*The Archdeacon of Canterbury, the Venerable Sheila Watson, presents the Archbishop's Mandate to the Dean, saying*

I bring you greetings from His Grace, the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and present to you his Mandate.

*The Dean says*

I thank you for bringing greetings from Justin, our Most Reverend Father in God, and I welcome you most warmly to this Cathedral Church as his commissary and personal representative.

Let the Archbishop's Mandate now be read.

*The Chancellor of the Diocese of Gloucester, the Worshipful June Rodgers, reads the Mandate and then returns it to the Archdeacon of Canterbury.*

## Hymn

*Stand*

*During the hymn the procession moves to the west end of the Cathedral.*



**All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,  
come ye before him, and rejoice.**

**The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;  
without our aid he did us make;  
we are his folk, he doth us feed,  
and for his sheep he doth us take.**

*The Cathedral Youth Choir sings*

O enter then his gates with praise,  
approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good;  
his mercy is for ever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.

*All*    **To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
the God whom heaven and earth adore,  
from men and from the angel-host  
be praise and glory evermore. Amen.**

*Words: William Kethe, based on Psalm 100*

*Tune: Old Hundredth, arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams*

## **The Welcome of the Bishop**

*Turn to face the West Doors.*

*The Dean says*

Let the doors be opened that we may greet our new Bishop.

*The West Doors are opened and the Bishop of Gloucester, the Right Reverend Rachel Treweek, enters the Cathedral vested in a white robe.*

*The Choir of All Saints' Academy, Cheltenham, sings*

Only by grace can we enter,  
only by grace can we stand;  
not by our human endeavour,  
but by the blood of the Lamb.  
Into your presence you call us,  
you call us to come.  
Into your presence you draw us,  
and now by your grace we come.

*Lord if you mark our transgressions,  
who would stand?  
Thanks to your grace we are cleansed  
by the blood of the Lamb.*

*Words and music: Gerrit Gustavson*

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise,  
the city of our God, the holy place,  
the joy of the whole earth.

Great is the Lord, in whom we have the victory.  
He aids us against the enemy,  
we bow down on our knees.

*And, Lord, we want to lift your name on high,  
and Lord, we want to thank you  
for the works you've done in our lives;  
and, Lord, we trust in your unfailing love,  
for you alone are God eternal,  
throughout earth and heaven above.*

*Words and music: Steve McEwan*

*At the Font, the Bishop is addressed by Fergus Jack who has recently been baptized  
and confirmed, saying*

We greet you in the name of Christ.  
Who are you and why have you come to us?

*The Bishop replies*

I am Rachel, a pilgrim and servant of Jesus:  
I have come as one seeking the grace of God  
so that, journeying together as the fellowship of the baptized  
and the body of Christ,  
we may proclaim the love of God  
and that God may be worshipped, trusted and adored by all.

*Fergus says*

In the name of Christ we welcome you.  
Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

*All* **Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ  
against sin, the world and the devil,  
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

## **Prayer over the Water**

*The Bishop pours water into the Font, saying*

God in Christ gives us the water welling up for eternal life.  
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

*All* **Lord, give us this water, and we shall thirst no more.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Sovereign God of all,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
From the deep waters of death  
you have raised your Son to life in triumph.  
Grant that all who have been born anew by water and the Spirit  
may daily be renewed in your image,  
walk by the light of faith,  
and serve you in newness of life;  
through your anointed Son, Jesus Christ,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
we lift our voices of praise.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

*Another of the newly confirmed, Amaya Herold, sprinkles the Bishop with water from the Font, saying*

Remember your baptism into Christ Jesus.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Affirmation of Diaconal Ministry**

*During the first two verses of the hymn, the procession moves to the centre of the Nave.*



**Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my love be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?**

**Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?**

*A deacon, the Reverend Lara Bloom, says*

Rachel, why have you come to us?

*The Bishop replies*

I have come to share in Christ's ministry of service:  
to be with others a herald of his kingdom;  
to proclaim the gospel in word and deed;  
to seek out the poor and weak, the sick and lonely,  
the oppressed and powerless;  
to reach into the forgotten corners of the world,  
that the love of God may be made visible.

*Lara says*

In the name of Christ we welcome you.  
We preach not ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord  
and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

*All* **We welcome you as a fellow servant in the gospel:  
may Christ dwell in your heart through faith,  
that you may be rooted and grounded in love.**

*Lara presents the Bishop with the Book of the Gospels as a sign of her diaconal ministry.*

## **Affirmation of Priestly Ministry**

*During the next two verses of the hymn, the procession moves to the Nave Altar.*

**Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?**

**Will you love the 'you' you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?**



*A priest, the Reverend John Itumu, says*

Rachel, why have you come to us?

*The Bishop replies*

I have come to share in Christ's priestly ministry:  
to proclaim the word of the Lord  
and watch for the signs of God's new creation;  
to call his people to repentance  
and declare the forgiveness of their sins;  
to baptize new disciples and nurture them in the faith;  
to lead God's people in worship,  
offering with them a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

*John says*

In the name of Christ we welcome you.  
God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself,  
and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

*All* **We welcome you as an ambassador for Christ:  
let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.**

*John presents the Bishop with a paten and chalice as a sign of her priestly ministry.*

## Affirmation of Episcopal Ministry

*During the final verse of the hymn, the procession moves to the west end of the Quire.*

**Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.**

*Words: John L Bell and Graham Maule*

*Tune: Kelvingrove*

*The Bishop of Tewkesbury, the Right Reverend Martyn Snow, says*

Rachel, why have you come to us?

*The Bishop replies*

I have come to share in Christ's ministry of oversight:  
to love and pray for those committed to my charge;  
to feed God's pilgrim people and build up the body of Christ;  
to lead the Church's offering of prayer and praise;  
to baptize and confirm;  
to commission and ordain God's people for ministry;  
to expound the promise of salvation,  
boldly proclaiming the gospel of justice, righteousness and peace.

*The Bishop of Tewkesbury says*

In the name of Christ we welcome you.  
Guard the truth that has been entrusted to you  
by the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

*All* **We welcome you as a shepherd of Christ's flock.  
Build up the Church in unity and love,  
that the world may believe.**

*The Bishop of Tewkesbury presents the Bishop of Gloucester with her pastoral staff as  
a sign of her episcopal ministry.*

*Sit*

## ¶ *The Declaration and Oaths*

### **The Declaration of Assent**

*The Dean reads the Preface to the Declaration of Assent*

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, Rachel Treweek, 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 the forms of service which are authorized or allowed by Canon.

## **The Oath of Allegiance**

*The Chapter Steward, Emily Shepherd, presents the Bishop with an original edition of the Coverdale Bible kept in the Cathedral Library.*

*The Provincial Registrar, the Reverend Canon John Rees, administers the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of Due Obedience.*

*The Bishop says*

I, Rachel Treweek, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, her heirs and successors, according to law: So help me God.

## **The Oath of Due Obedience**

In the Name of God, Amen. I, Rachel Treweek, Bishop of the Church and See of Gloucester, do profess and promise all due reverence and obedience to the Archbishop and to the Metropolitan Church of Canterbury and to their Successors: So help me God, through Jesus Christ.

## The Oath of Fidelity

*The Diocesan Registrar, Jos Moule, administers the Oath of Fidelity.*

*The Bishop says*

In the name of God, Amen. I, Rachel, by divine permission elected, confirmed and consecrated as Bishop of Gloucester, promise and swear that I will faithfully observe all the statutes, ordinances and customs of this Cathedral Church of Gloucester, as far as they concern me. So help me God.

## Anthem

*The Cathedral Junior Choir sings the anthem, during which the Bishop moves to the High Altar.*

Come, my way, my truth, my life:  
such a way, as gives us breath;  
such a truth, as ends all strife;  
such a life, as killeth death.

Come, my light, my feast, my strength:  
such a light, as shows a feast;  
such a feast, as mends in length;  
such a strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my joy, my love, my heart:  
such a joy, as none can move;  
such a love, as none can part;  
such a heart, as joys in love.

*Words: George Herbert  
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams*

## ¶ *The Anointing of the Bishop*

### **The Collect**

*Stand*

*The Bishop kneels at the High Altar to say the Collect of Saint Kyneburga, who was the Abbess of the first religious community on this site.*

God of all grace,  
who enabled your servant Kyneburga  
to lead your people in the ways of truth and generosity:  
kindle in our hearts the fire of your love,  
that we may share with her and all the saints  
    in the joy of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*   **Amen.**

*There is silence and stillness.*

## Song



**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 presence 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*

## **Anointing**

*The Bishop of Tewkesbury says*

Rachel, as the Father anointed our Lord Jesus Christ  
through the power of the Holy Spirit  
so may he pour upon you his abundant grace,  
to reconcile, strengthen and sanctify his people.  
May the Lord guard you and guide you  
now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*The Bishop of Exeter anoints the Bishop on the forehead with oil of chrism, saying*

Remember that at your baptism  
you were signed upon your 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.  
May God give you grace to continue in his way,  
now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**



*The Bishop of Truro anoints the Bishop's left hand, saying*

Remember that when you were ordained deacon in the Church of God  
you were called to share in the ministry of Christ,  
who came not to be served but to serve,  
and taught us that the one who would be great  
must be the servant of all.

May God give you grace to continue in his way,  
now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*The Bishop of Bristol anoints the Bishop's right hand, saying*

Remember that when you were ordained priest in the Church of God  
you were given care of the people in your charge:  
to watch over them, to absolve them from their sins,  
to bless them in the name of the Lord,  
and proclaim the good news of salvation.

May God give you grace to continue in his way,  
now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*The Bishop of Tewkesbury says*

Remember that when you were ordained bishop in the Church of God  
you were given a ring to wear on your right hand  
as a sign of authority and unity.

It is also a sign of the trust that the waiting father  
places on the finger of his returning son.

May you always be ready to bless and to heal in the name of Christ,  
and may your life be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit,  
now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*Sit*

## **Anthem**

*The Cathedral Choir sings the anthem, during which the Bishop vests in her cope and mitre. She then moves to the Bishop's seat.*

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.  
Exsultemus et in ipso iucundemur.  
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.  
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Amen.

*Where there are charity and love, God himself is there.*

*The love of Christ has gathered us into one.  
Let us rejoice and be pleased in him.  
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.  
And may we love one another with a sincere heart.*

*Where there are charity and love, God himself is there.*

*Words: from the Liturgy of Maundy Thursday  
Music: Maurice Duruflé*

## ¶ *The Installation of the Bishop*

### **Installation**

*The Dean says to the Archdeacon of Canterbury*

Archdeacon, I ask you to place Bishop Rachel in her seat according to the Mandate of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

*Holding the Mandate, the Archdeacon of Canterbury places the Bishop in her seat, saying*

By virtue of the Mandate of the Most Reverend Father in God, Justin Portal, by Divine Providence Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, I, Sheila Anne Watson, Archdeacon of the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ in Canterbury, induct and install you, Rachel Treweek, into the possession of the Bishopric of Gloucester with its rights and dignities and all its opportunities for service; and I place you in the Episcopal Seat of this Cathedral Church of Saint Peter and the Holy and Indivisible Trinity, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*All* **Amen.**

*A child, Beatrice Braddock, addresses the Bishop, saying*

Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you,  
whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child  
will never enter it'.

*Luke 18.17*

Bishop Rachel, always remember that you are first a child of God.

*Stand*

*There is silence and stillness, after which the Bishop kneels to pray*

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
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.**

### **Presentation of the Diocesan Crozier**

*During the vacancy-in-see the diocesan crozier has been in the safekeeping of the Cathedral. The Dean presents the crozier to the Bishop, saying*

Bishop Rachel, keep watch over the whole flock  
in which the Holy Spirit has appointed you shepherd.

*All*     **Encourage the faithful,  
restore the lost,  
build up the body of Christ.**

*Sit*

## **Anthem**

*The Cathedral Youth Choir sings the anthem, during which the procession moves to the Nave Sanctuary.*

Tu es Petrus, et super hanc petram aedificabo ecclesiam meam.

*You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church.*

*Words: Matthew 16.18*

*Music: Maurice Duruflé*

## **Presentation of the Bishop**

*Stand*

*The Dean says*

Brothers and sisters in Christ,  
I present to you Rachel, our Bishop.  
Let us bless the Lord.

*All*    **Thanks be to God.**

*A fanfare sounds and the congregation applauds to acclaim the Bishop.*

## The Peace

*The Bishop says*

We are the body of Christ.  
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.

*All* The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

## Jubilate Deo

*Sit*

*The Cathedral Choir and the Cathedral Youth Choir sing the canticle Jubilate Deo.  
Meanwhile, the Bishop is greeted by civic and community representatives from  
Gloucestershire, and by Church representatives from our link dioceses and our  
ecumenical partners:*

*The Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire  
The Mayor of Gloucester*

*The Member of Parliament for Cheltenham*

*The Vice Chancellor of the University of Gloucestershire  
The Chair of Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust  
The Commander of the Allied Rapid Reaction Corps*

*The Bishop of El Camino Real*  
*The Bishop of Western Tanganyika*  
*The Bishop of Karnataka Central*  
*The Dean of Västerås*

*The Bishop of Clifton*  
*The President of the Baptist Union of Great Britain*  
*The Chair of the Bristol District of the Methodist Church*  
*The County Ecumenical Officer*

*The Chair of Cheltenham Hebrew Congregation*  
*The Imam of Masjid-E-Noor Mosque*

*The Diocesan Secretary*  
*The Chair of the House of Clergy*  
*The Chair of the House of Laity*

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: Benjamin Britten

## Song

Stand

Refrain

**King of kings, majesty,  
God of heaven living in me.  
Gentle Saviour, closest Friend,  
Strong Deliverer, Beginning and End,  
all within me falls at your throne.**

*Your majesty, I can but bow;  
I lay my all before you now.  
In royal robes I don't deserve,  
I live to serve your majesty.*



**Earth and heaven worship you,  
Love eternal, faithful and true,  
who bought the nations, ransomed souls,  
brought this sinner near to your throne;  
all within me cries out in praise.**

*Your majesty, I can but bow;  
I lay my all before you now.  
In royal robes I don't deserve,  
I live to serve your majesty.*

*Words and music: Jarrod Cooper*

*Sit*

## ¶ *The Word of God*

### **First Reading**

*The Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire, Dame Janet Trotter, says*

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

If we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of

reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

*2 Corinthians 5.13-20*

*There is silence and stillness after the reading.*

## **Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

*Stand*

*The Bishop says*

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.  
To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.  
Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

*All* **I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

*All* **I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

*All* **I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

*All* **I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

*All* **I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

*All* **I come to Christ.**

May almighty God who has given you the desire to follow Christ  
give you strength to continue in the way.

All **Amen.**

*There is an organ improvisation as the Book of the Gospels is carried into the centre  
of the Nave.*

## Gospel Reading

*The Archdeacon of Gloucester, the Venerable Jackie Searle, sings*



*The Cathedral Youth Choir sings*

Go and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*Matthew 28.19*



All

*The Archdeacon of Gloucester says*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.



*All*

**Glo - ry to you, O Lord.**

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.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

‘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.

'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.'

*Matthew 5.1-16*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



All

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*There is an organ improvisation as the Book of the Gospels is brought back to the Bishop.*

## **Sermon**

*The Bishop of Gloucester, the Right Reverend Rachel Treweek*

Sit

## Chant

*Remain seated to sing*



**Behold, behold I make all things new,  
beginning with you and starting from today.  
Behold, behold I make all things new,  
my promise is true, for I am Christ the way.**

*Words and music: John L Bell*

## Prayers of Intercession

*The Reverend Canon Richard Mitchell, Chair of the House of Clergy, says*

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to the Father.

*Kneel or sit*

Gracious God, fountain of all wisdom,  
we pray for all Christian people,  
especially for this Diocese of Gloucester;  
for Rachel our Bishop, for all Christian leaders,  
and for those who teach and guard the faith.  
May the word of Christ dwell richly in our hearts,  
and knit us together in the bond of your love.

*All* Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*Canon Ian Marsh, Chair of the House of Laity, says*

We pray for the leaders of the nations,  
and for those in authority under them;  
for peacemakers and peacekeepers  
and for all who seek after justice and righteousness.  
Give them the gift of your wisdom,  
and a right discernment in all things.

*All* Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*Canon Helena Arnold, Director of Education, says*

We pray for this County of Gloucestershire,  
for those who live, work and visit here,  
and for all who seek the common good;  
and we pray for all the communities of which we are a part.  
Speak your word of peace in our midst,  
and help us to serve one another as Christ has served us.

*All* Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*Canon Benjamin Preece Smith, Diocesan Secretary, says*

We pray for those bowed down with grief, fear or sickness;  
and we hold before God those who rely upon our prayers  
and those who have nobody else to pray for them.  
Particularly we ask God's protection at this time  
for all who travel and who are in danger,  
especially all refugees and economic migrants.  
May Christ your living Word bring them comfort and healing.

*All* Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*The Reverend Canon Robbin Clark, Dean of Women Clergy, says*

We give thanks for all who have died in the faith of Christ,  
and especially we pray for those whom we have loved  
and for those who have loved us;  
and we rejoice with Mary, Peter, Benedict, Kyneburga  
and all your saints,  
trusting in the promise of your word fulfilled.

*All* Lord of the Church,  
**hear our prayer,  
and make us one in heart and mind  
to serve you with joy for ever.  
Amen.**



## The Lord's Prayer

Looking for the coming of the kingdom,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

*All*    **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who 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.**

## Hymn

*Stand*

*During the hymn, a collection is taken to support the project described on page 4 of this order of service.*



**Thy hand, O God, has guided  
thy flock, from age to age;  
the wondrous tale is written,  
full clear, on every page;  
our forebears owned thy goodness,  
and we their deeds record;  
and both of this bear witness:  
one Church, one faith, one Lord.**

**Thy heralds brought glad tidings  
to greatest, as to least;  
they bade them rise, and hasten  
to share the great King's feast;  
and this was all their teaching,  
in every deed and word,  
to all alike proclaiming  
one Church, one faith, one Lord.**

**Through many a day of darkness,  
through many a scene of strife,  
the faithful few fought bravely,  
to guard the nation's life.  
Their gospel of redemption,  
sin pardoned, hope restored,  
was all in this enfolded:  
one Church, one faith, one Lord.**

**And we, shall we be faithless?  
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?  
Shall we evade the conflict,  
and cast away our crown?  
Not so: in God's deep counsels  
some better thing is stored;  
we will maintain, unflinching,  
one Church, one faith, one Lord.**

**Thy mercy will not fail us,  
nor leave thy work undone;  
with thy right hand to help us,  
the victory shall be won;  
and then by all creation  
thy name shall be adored,  
and this shall be their anthem:  
one Church, one faith, one Lord.**

*Words: Edward Hayes Plumptre  
Tune: Thornbury*

*The procession moves to the Font.*

## ¶ *The Sending Out for Mission and Ministry*

### **Profession of Faith**

*The Bishop says*

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all life and being,  
the one for whom we exist?

*All* **I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

*All* **I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

*All* **I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

*All* **This is our faith.  
We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

*The Bishop sprinkles the congregation with water from the Font, saying*

Remember your baptism into Christ Jesus.

## Chant

*Remain standing*

*The Cathedral Choir sings*

I saw water flowing from the right side of the temple, Alleluia.  
It brought God's life, and his salvation,  
and the people sang in joyful praise: Alleluia, alleluia.

*Words: from Ezekiel 47*

*Music: Mode VIII*

## Song

*All sing*



***We shall draw water joyfully,  
singing joyfully, singing joyfully;  
we shall draw water joyfully  
from the wellsprings of salvation.***

*The Cathedral Youth Choir sings*

Truly God is our salvation;  
we trust, we shall not fear.  
For the Lord is our strength,  
the Lord is our song;  
he became our Saviour.

*All*                    **We shall draw water joyfully,  
singing joyfully, singing joyfully;  
we shall draw water joyfully  
from the wellsprings of salvation.**

*The Cathedral Choir sings*

Give thanks, O give thanks to the Lord;  
give praise to his holy name!  
Make his mighty deeds known  
to all of the nations;  
proclaim his greatness.

*All*                    **We shall draw water joyfully,  
singing joyfully, singing joyfully;  
we shall draw water joyfully  
from the wellsprings of salvation.**

*The Cathedral Youth Choir sings*

Sing a psalm, sing a psalm to the Lord,  
for he has done glorious deeds.  
Make known his works to all of the earth;  
people of Zion, sing for joy,  
for great in your midst, great in your midst  
is the Holy One of Israel.

*All*                    **We shall draw water joyfully,  
singing joyfully, singing joyfully;  
we shall draw water joyfully  
from the wellsprings of salvation.**

*Words and music: Paul Inwood, based on Isaiah 12.2-6*

*The Bishop says*

Almighty God,  
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith  
with all who have been baptized into your name.  
Keep us faithful to our baptism,  
and so make us ready for that day  
when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

*All*     **Amen.**

### **Affirmation of Commitment**

*The Bishop says*

Those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*All*     **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil and,  
whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*All*     **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you proclaim by word and example  
the good news of God in Christ?

*All*     **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people,  
loving your neighbour as yourself?

*All*     **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society,  
by prayer for the world and its leaders,  
by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

*All* **With the help of God, I will.**

## **The Blessing**

*The Bishop says*

*All* Our help is in the name of the Lord  
**who has made heaven and earth.**

*All* Blessed be the name of the Lord  
**now and for ever. Amen.**

May the Father, whose glory fills the heavens,  
cleanse you by his holiness  
and send you to proclaim his word.  
*All* **Amen.**

May Christ, who has ascended to the heights,  
pour upon you the riches of his grace.  
*All* **Amen.**

May 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 upon you and remain with you always.  
*All* **Amen.**



## Hymn

*During the hymn, the procession leaves through the West Doors. Please follow the direction of the stewards to leave the Cathedral and gather promptly in Lower College Green.*



**Go forth for God; go forth to the world in peace;  
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,  
in God's good Spirit daily to increase,  
till in his kingdom we behold his face.**

**Go forth for God; go forth to the world in strength;  
hold fast the good, be urgent for the right,  
render to no one evil; Christ at length  
shall overcome all darkness with his light.**

**Go forth for God; go forth to the world in love;  
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak,  
help the afflicted; richly from above  
his love supplies the grace and power we seek.**

**Go forth for God; go forth to the world in joy,  
to serve God's people every day and hour,  
and serving Christ, his every gift employ,  
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.**

**Sing praise to him who brought us on our way,  
sing praise to him who bought us with his blood,  
sing praise to him who sanctifies each day,  
sing praise to him who reigns one Lord and God.**

*Words: John Raphael Peacey*

*Tune: Woodlands*

## **The Blessing of the City, County and Diocese**

*The Bishop says*

God bless this City and the County of Gloucestershire,  
the towns and villages of the Diocese  
and all who live and work here;  
may God visit you with mercy,  
surround you with love  
and fill your hearts with joy and peace;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.

*All*    **Amen.**

*Do stay for refreshments!*

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