

Choral Evensong

with the Commissioning of

Very Revd Dr Jane Hedges

as

Interim Dean of Newcastle



Officiant & Preacher: The Right Revd Mark Wroe Acting Bishop of Newcastle

The Third Sunday of Epiphany



A warm welcome to worship at Newcastle Cathedral.

All are invited to share in light refreshments in the Cathedral following this service.

A large print copy of this service sheet is available. Please ask one of the welcomers at the door if you would like one.

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

A collection will be taken during the service. If you are a taxpayer please fill in the Gift Aid Envelope to enable us to recover the tax on your donation.

The Preces and Responses are by Philip Moore (b1943) The Canticles are the Service in D by George Dyson (1883 – 1964)

Opening Voluntary

Cantique

Edward Elgar (1857 – 1934)

Order of Service

Please stand as the Procession enters, and the Bishop and ministers take their seats.

The Processional Hymn



Through all the changing scenes of life, in trouble and in joy, the praises of my God shall still my heart and tongue employ.

O magnify the Lord with me, with me exalt his name; when in distress to him I called, he to my rescue came.

The hosts of God encamp around the dwellings of the just; deliverance he affords to all who on his succour trust.

O make but trial of his love, experience will decide how blest are they, and only they, who in his truth confide.

Fear him, ye saints, and you will then have nothing else to fear; make you his service your delight, your wants shall be his care.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom we adore, be glory, as it was, is now, and shall be evermore. Amen.

Words: Nahum Tate and Nicholas Brady New Version 1696 Tune: Wiltshire NEH 467 Music: George Smart (1776-1867)

Please remain standing as the Bishop welcomes the congregation and leads

The Call to Worship

God in Christ has revealed his glory.

All Come let us worship.

From the rising of the sun to its setting

All the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.

All O praise the name of the Lord!

Eternal God, source of all blessing, help us to worship you with all our heart and mind and strength; for you alone are God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

Please stand as the Cantor and Choir sing

The Preces

O Lord open thou our lips:	And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us:	O Lord make haste to help us.

Silence is held.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

Praise ye the Lord.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

The Lord's name be praised.

Please sit as the Choir sings

Psalm 108

Paratum cor meum

O GOD, my heart is ready, my heart is ready : I will sing and give praise with the best member that I have.

- 2 Awake, thou lute, and harp : I myself will awake right early.
- 3 I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the people : I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.
- 4 For thy mercy is greater than the heavens : and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.
- 5 Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens : and thy glory above all the earth.
- 6 That thy beloved may be delivered : let thy right hand save them, and hear thou me.
- 7 God hath spoken in his holiness : I will rejoice therefore, and divide Sichem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.
- 8 Gilead is mine, and Manasses is mine : Ephraim also is the strength of my head.
- 9 Judah is my law-giver, Moab is my wash-pot : over Edom will I cast out my shoe, upon Philistia will I triumph.
- 10 Who will lead me into the strong city : and who will bring me into Edom?
- II Hast not thou forsaken us, O God : and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts?
- 12 O help us against the enemy : for vain is the help of man.
- 13 Through God we shall do great acts : and it is he that shall tread down our enemies.

Please stand for the doxology:

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.

The First Lesson Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

² a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

³ a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

⁴ a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

⁵ a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶ a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

⁷ a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

⁸ a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

⁹ What gain have the workers from their toil? 10I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. ¹¹He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

Here ends the first lesson.

We stand as the Choir sings

Magnificat

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his hand-maiden. For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Luke 1:46-55

Please sit for the second scripture reading

The Second Lesson

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed.

| Peter 1:3-12

⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that was to be yours made careful search and inquiry, ¹¹inquiring about the person or time that the Spirit of Christ within them indicated, when it testified in advance to the sufferings destined for Christ and the subsequent glory. ¹²It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in regard to the things that have now been announced to you through those who brought you good news by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven - things into which angels long to look!

Here ends the second lesson.

Please stand as the Choir sings

Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation; Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Luke 2:29-32



We remain standing and all turn to face East, towards the High Altar, to say:

The Apostles' Creed

 All I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.

> He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Cantor and Choir sing

The Responses

The Lord be with you:

and with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Please kneel or sit

Lord, have mercy upon us: Christ, have mercy upon us: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us:	and grant us thy salvation.	
O Lord, save the King	and mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.	
Endue thy Ministers with righteousness:	and make thy chosen people joyful.	
O Lord, save thy people:	and bless thine inheritance.	
Give peace in our time, O Lord:	because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.	
O God, make clean our hearts within us:	and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.	

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

The Collect for Aid against all Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Sermon

given by the Right Reverend Mark Wroe.



We stand to sing

The Hymn



Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me.

Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all who love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

St Patrick translated by Cecil Frances Alexander (1818–95) *Gartan 278 NEH* from the Petrie Collection of Irish Music attributed to James Mease

The Commissioning

Jane stands before the Bishop.

The Bishop now reads the Words of Commission, and then says:

Jane, do you believe that God has called you to this ministry of service as Interim Dean of Newcastle?

Jane I do so believe.

Will you be faithful in prayer, sensitive to the needs of those you serve, and let the Holy Spirit be your counsel and encouragement?

Jane I will, the Lord being my helper.

Will you be diligent in your work, enable others to fulfil their calling, and use your God-given gifts to the furtherance of God's Kingdom?

Jane I will, the Lord being my helper.

Jane, receive this, my commission as Interim Dean of Newcastle.

Bishop prays silently, and then says this blessing:

May God, who has called you to this new beginning, give you grace to serve him faithfully; through Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you and all you undertake in his name, now and always.

All Amen.

The Installation

The Bishop says:

Jane,

having commissioned you to the role of Interim Dean, it is now my pleasure to invite the Senior Residentiary Canon of Newcastle Cathedral to install you in your seat, for the interim, in the Quire of this Cathedral Church.

Share in the Church's ministry exercised in this place in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Canon Clare MacLaren leads the Interim Dean to the Decanal Stall.

The Senior Residentiary Canon says

Jane,

I place you in the stall assigned to you as Interim Dean,

The Lord preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth and for evermore.

All Amen.

Members of Cathedral Chapter now **stand** to greet the newly-installed Interim Dean, saying together:

Jane,

we welcome you into the fellowship of the Chapter.

Pray for us as we shall pray for you.

The Bishop invites everyone now to stand, and says:

People of this Cathedral and Diocese, I ask you to welcome Jane, as Interim Dean of Newcastle Cathedral.

Jane, we welcome you.

All We welcome you, in the name of the Lord.

Let us pray for Jane in her new role:

 All May God sustain you in all your works and in all your ways; make you humble, just and true; and strengthen you in holiness and righteousness. May his Spirit of wisdom and counsel so enlighten and guide you, that in all things you may set forth God's glory and the welfare of his holy Church. Amen.

Please sit.

The Choir sings

The Anthem

A New Song

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, sit or remain seated for

The Prayers

led by Canon Peter Dobson

Please **stand** to sing the following hymn, during which a collection will be taken to support the work of the Cathedral.

The Hymn



Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my daily labour to pursue; thee, only thee, resolved to know, in all I think or speak or do.

The task thy wisdom hath assigned O let me cheerfully fulfil; in all my works thy presence find, and prove thy good and perfect will.

Preserve me from my calling's snare, and hide my simple heart above, above the thorns of choking care, the gilded baits of worldly love.

Thee may I set at my right hand, whose eyes my inmost substance see, and labour on at thy command, and offer all my works to thee.

Give me to bear thy easy yoke, and every moment watch and pray, and still to things eternal look, and hasten to thy glorious day;

For thee delightfully employ whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given, and run my course with even joy, and closely walk with thee to heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Tune: Song 34 NEH 235 Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

We remain standing as the Bishop gives the blessing:

The **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and watch over you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Recessional Voluntary

Imperial March

Edward Elgar (1857 – 1934)

Please stay on now, if you can, on this special occasion, to share in light refreshments, which will be served in the Eastern Chapels (behind the High Altar) Thank you for joining us this evening!

Choral Evensong is sung in the Cathedral in school term time every evening from Monday to Thursday at 5.30pm, and on Saturday's and Sundays at 4pm.

We hope that you will come to worship with us again very soon.

Clare MacLaren	Jane Hedges	lan Roberts
Canon in Residence	Interim Dean	Director of Music

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