



**NEWCASTLE
CATHEDRAL**

A SERVICE OF LEAVE-TAKING AND FAREWELL

**FOR THE VERY REVD GEOFF MILLER
DEAN OF NEWCASTLE**

SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2022 AT 4PM





The Dean at his collation, induction and installation on 20 October 2019



Demonstrating the Cathedral's new contactless donation terminals in 2018



Presenting prizes to students at Grace College during the Covid-19 pandemic



Leading one of The Dean's Farewell Tours in October 2022

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A warm welcome to worship at Newcastle Cathedral.

**A large print copy of this service sheet is available.
Please ask one of our welcome team at the door.**

Please feel free to sit or kneel if standing is difficult for you.

Activities for younger children are available in St Margaret's Chapel (to the right of the Nave.) Parents are asked to supervise their children at all times.

Toilets are available at the far end of the Cathedral. Please ask one of our welcomers if you need directions.

Organ Voluntary

Præludium in D Buxl49

Dietrich Buxtehude (c.1637 – 1707)

Order of Procession

The Lord Lieutenant, the Lord Mayor of Newcastle and the High Sheriff of Tyne & Wear are met by The Dean at the West End of the Cathedral.

Please stand for the entry of

The Civic Procession

The Lord Mayor of Newcastle
The High Sheriff of Tyne & Wear
The Lord Lieutenant of Tyne and Wear
accompanied by the Dean of Newcastle

Please remain standing for the entry of

The Ecclesiastical Procession:

The Choir
Members of the College of Canons
Cathedral Readers
Canon Jennifer Cooper
The Archdeacon of Lindisfarne
Visiting Dignitaries
Honorary Assistant and Visiting Bishops
Lay Members of Chapter
The Archdeacon of Northumberland
Canon Peter Dobson
Canon Clare MacLaren
The Dean of Newcastle
Cathedral Wardens
The Acting Bishop of Newcastle
The Bishop's Chaplain

Order of Service

As the Ecclesiastical Procession enters, we remain standing to sing

The Hymn



**Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way;
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.**

**Lord, for that Word, the Word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze;
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the Word, receive your people's praise.**

**Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.**

**Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.**

**Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us -
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.**

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b 1926)

*Lord of the years
Michael Baughen (b 1930)*

The Bishop says:

“God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

...and on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it, God rested from all the work that he had done.”

cf. Genesis 1:31 – 2:2

Welcome in the name of Christ.

God’s grace, mercy and peace be with you

All and also with you.

The Bishop welcomes the congregation informally and then leads

The Call to Worship

Let us give thanks to the God of our Lord Jesus Christ,

**All who has blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing.**

Before the world was made, God chose us in Christ,

All that we might be holy and blameless before him.

Let us praise God for the glory of his grace,

All for the free gift he gave us in his dear Son.

To Father, Son and Holy Spirit

**All give praise and dominion, honour and might,
for ever and ever.**

Amen.

cf Ephesians 1.3–6

Please be seated as the choir sings:

The Motet

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!

We wait for thy loving kindness, O God:
in the midst of thy temple.
O God send us now prosperity. Amen.

Words: Psalm 48.8-9; 118.25b

Music: William McKie 1901-1983

The Bishop introduces a period of silent prayer, saying:

Let us pray...

The Collect

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.

All Amen.

The First Lesson

read by Edna Beveridge, a member of Newcastle Cathedral Chapter.

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Philippians, Chapter 4.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all

understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:4-9

The choir sings:

*Ubi caritas et amor,
Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum
Christi amor.
Exsulemus et in ipso
jucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus
Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus
nos sincero.*

Wherever charity and love are to be found, God is there.
The love of Christ has brought us together as one.
Let us rejoice and be glad in him.
Let us fear and love the living God;
and let us love one another with sincerity in our heart.

*Antiphon at the foot-washing,
Maundy Thursday*

*Kris Thomsett (b.1991)
ADOM Newcastle Cathedral*

The Second Lesson

read by Timothy Wigglesworth, Cathedral Warden.

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke, Chapter 4.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

Luke 4:14-21

The Sermon

The Dean may introduce the sermon with a prayer.

*Then, please **sit**.*

The sermon may be followed by a period of silence for reflection.

*Then please **stand** to sing*

The Hymn



**There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgement given.**

**For the love of God is broader
than the breadth of human mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify his strictness
with a zeal he will not own.**

**There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.**

(2nd half of tune)

**If our love were but more simple,
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be all gladness
in the joy of Christ our Lord.**

Words: Frederick William Faber 1814-1863

*Tune: Corvedale SP 316
Maurice Bevan (1921 - 2006)*

Please remain standing for

The Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Holy God,
creator, redeemer and life-giver;
you have spoken the world into being
and filled it with wonder and beauty.

All For every blessing we have received
we give you thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Holy God,
for people of every language and culture
and for the rich variety you give to life.

All For every blessing we have received
we give you thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Holy God,
for Jesus Christ our Saviour,
truly divine and truly human,
living and dying for us,
and going before us into heaven.

All For every blessing we have received
we give you thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Holy God,
for your Spirit,
the fire of love burning in our hearts,
bringing us to faith,
and calling us to holiness
in the Church and in the world.

All For every blessing we have received
we give you thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Holy God,
for our brothers and sisters in Christ,
in heaven and on earth,
who have guided and inspired us
on our journey of faith.

All For every blessing we have received
we give you thanks and praise.

Therefore, we worship you
with all the company of heaven.
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Please be seated as the Choir sings.

Te Deum Laudamus

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 Cherubim and Seraphim : continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Hosts;
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.

*Ancient Christian Hymn
Traditionally dated to AD 387*

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

The Tributes

offered by

- *The Lord Lieutenant of Tyne & Wear,*
- *The Lord Mayor of Newcastle,*
- *The High Sheriff of Tyne & Wear*
- *Canon Clare MacLaren*
- *The Acting Bishop of Newcastle.*

Please stand to sing

The Hymn



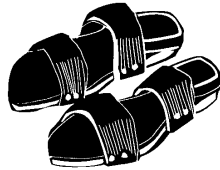
**Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours to-day.**

**O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the One eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.**

*Words: German, Martin Rinkart (1586-1649)
Translation: Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)*

*Tune: Nun danket NEH 413
Music: from Johann Crüger's
Praxis pietatis melica (c.1647)*



Please be seated or kneel for the

Prayers of Intercession

led by Canon Peter Dobson.

The following response is used after each bidding:



**O God of all justice, compassion and care
for your world and her peoples, we offer our prayer.
Give healing for hurt, and give hope for despair
and the peace that you promise beyond all compare.**

Words: Canon Clare MacLaren

*Tune: "Water of Tyne":
Trad. NE England
Arr: Ian Roberts, DOM, Newcastle Cathedral*

At the end of the petitions:

Merciful Father,
**All accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Laying Down of Office

The Dean of Newcastle, accompanied by the Residentiary Canons and members of the Cathedral Chapter assemble before the Bishop.

The Bishop says

Geoff, in baptism you were named a beloved child of God, and called into a lifetime's journey of faith.

As a Deacon, you were commissioned to a ministry of service and care, following the model of Christ who washed his disciples' feet.

As a Priest, you were set as a shepherd to lead God's people: to nourish them with Word and Sacrament, that they might be Good News to the communities in which you served.

As an Archdeacon you were entrusted with the stewardship and care of God's people and the places where they worship – supporting the Bishop, and freeing them for ministry and witness to the transforming love of Christ.

As Dean of Newcastle, you were tasked with the care and leadership of this Cathedral Church – by your gifts, your vision and your example, to guide this community through a time of great challenge and change.

Now the time has come for you to lay down this office.

In the Sabbath rest of retirement, may you discover new meaning for life, and new opportunities for serving God, in the power of his Holy Spirit.

Let us pray:

God of our beginnings and endings,
we celebrate all we have shared with Geoff,
and with Elaine and Philip,
and we ask your blessing as they continue on their journey.
May the love that is in our hearts
be a bond that unites us forever,
wherever we may be.
May the power of your presence
bless this moment of our leave-taking;
this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

All Amen.

Geoff says:

As I journey onward, I give thanks for those I have lived, worshipped and shared life with for these past 40 years – the many people, places and communities whose fellowship has enriched, encouraged and taught me so much.

All Go with God

I know that God goes with me.

I ask forgiveness for where I have failed in thought, word and deed; where I have let others down, lacked wisdom and understanding and have cared too much about my own reputation and concerns.

All Go with God

I know that God goes with me.

I now lay down my ministry in this place
to begin a new stage of life and discipleship.

All Go with God

I know that God goes with me.

Adapted from a Franciscan Liturgy of Farewell.

The Northumbrian Pipers, "Robsons Choice", play as the Bishop, Dean, Residentiary Canons and members of Chapter make their way to the High Altar.

There, the Dean is helped to remove and lay down his Cope.

When the music concludes, the Bishop says,

We praise and thank you, God of the journey,
for our dear friend Geoff, as he enters retirement.

We entrust him into your loving care,
knowing that you are always the faithful traveller
and companion on the Way.
Shelter and protect him from all harm and anxiety.
Grant him the courage to meet the future,
and grace to let go into new life;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All Amen.

The Dean stands before the Bishop to receive his blessing:

Geoff,
may God keep you in all your days;
may Christ shield you in all your ways;
may the Spirit bring you healing and peace;
may God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you (+)
and pour upon you blessing and light.

All Amen.

**Go in peace,
for our God goes with you.**

The choir sings as Bishop Mark accompanies Geoff back to his seat in the Crossing, followed by the Residentiary Canons and members of Chapter.

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day:
I would my true love did so chance
to see the legend of my play,
to call my true love to my dance:
Sing O my love;
this have I done for my true love.

In a manger laid and wrapped I was,
so very poor, this was my chance,
betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass,
to call my true love to my dance:
Sing O my love;
this have I done for my true love.

Then was I born of a virgin pure,
of her I took fleshly substance;
thus was I knit to man's nature,
to call my true love to my dance:
Sing O my love;
this have I done for my true love.

Then afterwards baptised I was;
the Holy Ghost on me did glance,
my Father's voice heard from above
to call my true love to my dance:
Sing O my love;
this have I done for my true love.

Words: traditional Christmas Carol

Music: Carl Rütli (b.1949)

A minister leads

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray for the coming of the Kingdom of Christ
in the words that he himself 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.**

We stand to sing



**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 all 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, souls 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, in earth and heaven,
thy name shall be adored,
and this shall be our anthem,
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

Words: Edward Plumptre (1821-1891)

*Tune: Thornbury NEH 485
Music: Basil Harwood (1859-1949)*

Please remain standing as the Bishop gives

The Blessing & Dismissal

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

A Gaelic Blessing

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

All Amen.

Go, in the peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

Please remain standing as the organist plays.

The Senior Canon first accompanies the Lord Lieutenant of Tyne & Wear and the rest of the Civic Party to the West End of the Cathedral.

Then, our departing Dean, Geoff, is led by the Head Verger to the West End.

Then, the Ecclesiastical Procession departs to the Eastern Chapels for the dismissal.

Once all of the ministers have departed, please sit.

Please remain seated to listen to the remainder of the Organ Voluntaries.

Recessional Voluntaries

Prelude to Te Deum Marc-Antoine Charpentier (c.1645 – 1704)

Final from Symphony no. 1 Louis Vierne (1870 - 1937)



Above: Introducing the first Cathedral of Comedy event in May 2022

Left: In the driving seat of a digger during redevelopment works in the Nave



Geoff giving his opening address, 'A Cathedral Larnin' to Speak Geordie', at the National Cathedrals Conference in May 2022



With Shaun the Sheep at a sponsorship event for the 'Shaun on the Tyne' art trail in November 2022



Peter Dobson
Canon in Residence

Geoff Miller
Dean

Ian Roberts
Director of Music



**Thank you for joining us on this special occasion.
If you are able, please stay on for light refreshments, which will
be served in the Eastern Chapels, at the far end of the Cathedral.**

Please feel free to take this booklet away with you.

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